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Granite High students help the needy

Student Council raises \$10,000 for baskets

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

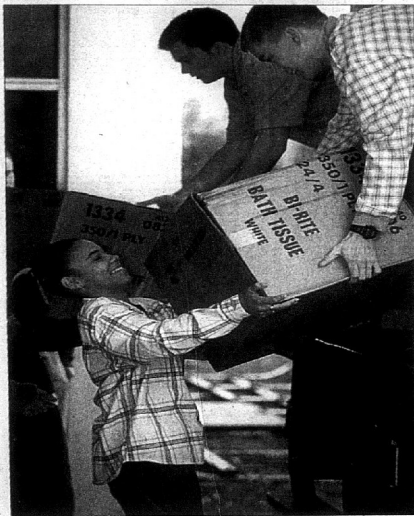
With just a little extra effort, you can double your money. The Student Council of Granite City High School conducted its annual drive to raise \$5,000 to purchase food baskets for needy families. They outdid themselves this year, however, by raising more than \$10,000 over a two-week period.

Jacob Kamphoefner, student council president; Leah Gamblin, first vice president; and Michael Angle, second vice president, explained the drive last Friday just before they and Linda Ames' class unloaded a truck full of goods.

Student Council members visited every classroom for two weeks and ended up collecting an average of \$2 per student. One class, Alan Lobdell's (assisted by GCIS Assistant Athletic Director Bob Cowan, who's associated with the drive every year), contributed the most. The class raised approximately \$2,200, or just over \$78 per person, they said.

"We were able to do an additional 30 baskets," Kamphoefner said. With some of the money, they'll also fill some Easter

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Scott Kelly photo

Michael Angle hands a box to another student Friday at Granite City Senior High School. Students in Linda Ames' class were unloading a truck full of goods from Cohen's Wholesale in Granite City. The students were putting together food baskets with the \$10,000 the GCHS Student Council raised to help the needy this holiday season.

Hoops! There it is!

Area ADs get ready for holiday tourneys

By Toby Carrig
Staff writer

The song says it, thus it must be true. It's the hap-happiest time of the year.

Unless you happen to be Collinsville athletic director Bob Bone ... or Freeburg's Gary Hearne ... or Mascoutah's Henry Johnson.

For those gentlemen — the athletic directors coordinating three of the Metro East's premier holiday basketball tournaments — the night before Christmas includes dreams of potential dilemmas dancing in their heads.

They'll be as frantic as last-minute shoppers. More tense than parents who have to assemble 18-speed bikes and a host of other toys for the kids.

Collinsville, Freeburg and Mascoutah all will host 16-team tournaments in the days after Christmas. The ADs will be charged with being holiday hosts with the most for players, coaches, referees,

partisan fans and basketball junkies.

The Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic, Dec. 28-30 at Collinsville High School, includes top-seeded East St. Louis, Belleville East, Granite City, Triad, O'Fallon, Madison and Waterloo as well as the host Kahoks.

The Freeburg-Columbia boys tournament, Dec. 26-30 at Freeburg, includes top-seeded Gibault, Valmeyer, Duplo, Lebanon, Red Bud and Venice as well as the two hosts.

In the girls tournament at Mascoutah, Dec. 28-30, the field includes Belleville West, Westlin, Belleville East, O'Fallon, Triad, Althoff and the host.

Tournaments at Centuria, Leassee Mater Dei, Vandalia, Charleston and Nashville also will include local teams. And it ain't all fun and games.

*Running the tournament

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On-line Santas playing increasingly important holiday role

That jolly old elf using Internet to keep tabs on who's been naughty, nice

By Becky Garrison
Staff writer

According to the area children and adults, the Internet now plays as big a role in the holiday season as milk and cookies.

Both Santa and his village has become a virtual reality this year as children look on-line to see what is going on at the North Pole.

At www.clause.com, children can interact with Santa, find out if they have been naughty

or nice, or sing karaoke with the famous elf band. The Rolling Snow Balls' just by pointing and clicking.

The websites are for children of all ages, even those too small to read and write. Children who need help writing a letter to Santa can click on an inkwell to get assistance.

At santadirect.com, young children can read a different story every day, and those not old enough to read can be read to by a mouse named Maurice. Seven-year old Wesley Haug

of Fairview Heights used the Internet to see what kind of progress Santa was making. While on-line, Wesley decided to take a peek at his naughty or nice rating on Santa's list.

Although Santa advised him to lay off sweets, he was happy to find out he made the nice list this year.

But Wesley was excited about more than just his nice rating.

"I think it's neat that we can track Santa on-line now," he

said. Many websites are up and ready to track Santa's journey Thursday night, including one at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado.

According to the Air Force News, on Christmas Eve, the page will track Santa using digital animation with satellite/cockpit images and audio reports from Cheyenne Mountain, NORAD's Operations Command Center.

This year's project features a comprehensive five-language

multimedia web site at www.noradsanta.org. The site is available in English, French, Spanish, Italian and Japanese.

The website has a variety of high-tech features and tackles numerous aspects of Santa Claus, including calculations of cookie and milk consumption; how he gets around the world so quickly and how he gets down the chimney.

Children aren't the only ones using technology this holiday season. In addition to on-line

shopping, electronic greeting cards have become a hassle-free way of sending holiday wishes.

Debbie Willard of Internet Connect Services and Solutions in Swansea said she has used the Internet to send Christmas cards.

"I send electronic Christmas cards to my mother and father-in-law and to friends that live out of state," Willard said. "The animation and music that goes with the cards sounds better."

County Board says goodbye to 8

Papa hails '107 years of service' to Madison

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

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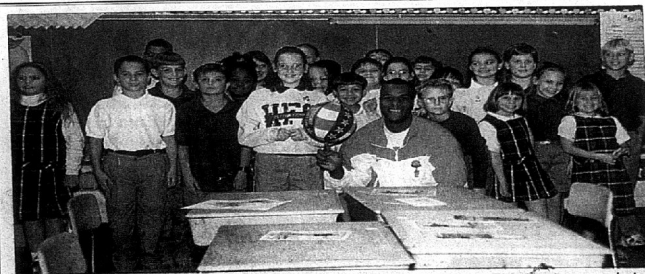
formally said farewell last week to many longstanding members who either retired or lost elections. Harold Byers, Don Sonnenberg, Virgil Fletcher, Herbert "Junior" Milton,

Frank Vonnahmen, Anthony Payne, Albert Charleston and Anthony Bosich were all honored with applause and plaques. Taken as a whole, said Board Chairman Rudy Papa, their time on the board amounted to 107 years of service.

"We have a number of ex-board members through retirement or attrition," Papa said. The chairman praised each man in turn for their service, and each had a few remarks to share. Only Byers, Vonnahmen, Sonnenberg, Payne and Bosich were able to attend the meeting.

To Harold Byers of Highland, Papa said he was "one guy I'm going to miss because he asks a lot of questions."

Byers served 16 years on the See BOARD, Page 5A



Tim Stephenson photo

Visit from the Globies

Harlem Globetrotter James "Jumbo" Bacon, center, recently paid a visit to Holy Family School in Granite City to promote the Globetrotters' upcoming game at the Kiel Center in St. Louis. Bacon visited the class of Janet Niles-Smith and student Kati Long, who won a contest to have a visit from a Globetrotter.

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Madison schools planning February retreat for teachers

Trip slated for Pere Marquette park

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A weekend retreat as part of its continued use of the "Workshop Way" program is being planned for kindergarten through fifth grade teachers in the Madison School District.

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At Thursday's board meeting, Superintendent Gary Allison said the retreat would be Feb. 12-13 at Pere Marquette State Park. It would include workshops, training sessions and other activities. The cost of the retreat is being paid through part of a \$75,000 Comprehensive Reform Demonstration Grant the district recently received. The grant is to be used to expand the "Workshop Way"

program in the district.

The district has used the program — primarily in the younger grades — since 1995, when it started to emphasize in-house staff development rather than the traditional "teachers' institutes."

Since then, teachers have met in small groups on a weekly basis and group leaders meet once per month. In the past, Allison said the district went with the weekly approach rather than the traditional type programs because while the teachers might have come back from the day-long programs excited, without ongoing support, they would soon go back to their old habits and teaching methods.

Allison also told the board that the district would be receiving \$63,680 in "continued system of support" grants for Madison Middle School.

The grant — to help schools that have been removed from the state's academic watch list stay off the list — will be used for several items. Most of the money — \$38,300 — will go toward an extended-day program at the school.

Other uses will be to purchase magazine subscriptions for the school's library and community service projects.

The board also approved hiring Nick Wargin as a continuous substitute teacher. The district will now have two such teachers who come to work each day and are either assigned as substitute teachers or aides.

The board also met in executive session to discuss personnel, but no action was taken.



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It's official

Mayor Clarence Harmon signs a proclamation declaring Dec. 31 as First Night St. Louis. The Downtown New Year's Eve celebration is an alcohol-free, family-oriented event. Shown with the mayor are Munny Kids Eddie Szewczyk of Belleville and Julie Kavanagh of St. Louis. In back are First Night chairman Tom Sehr, left, and board member Gerald Brooks.

Edwardsville City Council approves park land purchase

By Steve Whitworth
Staff writer

The Edwardsville City Council approved a resolution Tuesday night allowing the acquisition of a 40-acre tract in the city's eastern corridor for use as a new park.

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The resolution authorized the purchase of property from Robert L. Coultas. "This is the sought-after purchase of approximately 40 acres of property located in the Dunlap Lake area toward Goshen Road," Mayor Gary Niebur said. Joe Gugger, chairman of the Edwardsville Parks and Recreation Board, provided the

council with details about the plan.

"Everyone in the Edwardsville community knows of the shortage of greenspace and park space available," Gugger said. "It has been the intent of the Parks and Recreation Department, as well as the City Council, to actively look for land in the eastern corridor of the city."

Gugger pointed out that most of Edwardsville's parks are in older sections of the city, with fewer toward the rapidly growing eastern corridor, including the Dunlap Lake area.

The Greater Edwardsville Area Community Foundation has entered into an agreement with Coultas to buy the

property.

Michael Minnick, president of the Dunlap Lake Homeowners Association, told the council that its members had voted 139-0 in favor of an access road connecting East Lake Drive to the park land.

"This is obviously a substantial purchase for the city," Niebur said. "We are extremely pleased at the financing for this purchase."

He said it is basically going to be covered by three sources: clothing retailer Joe Glik, who gave the foundation \$100,000 in July toward purchase of the park; a \$100,000 grant received in May from the state; and a grant of \$221,500 received last month from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Niebur said those sources of income would cover the entire cost of buying the park land.

"We think that down the road, this is going to be a tremendous asset for the entire community," he said.

The council approved the resolution unanimously. Council members also approved an assignment agreement between the city and the foundation to secure options on the property. The payment will be made in three installments.

The tract being acquired lies in the corridor between East Lake Drive and Goshen Road, with some of the property contiguous to East Lake. The rolling terrain, which includes a small lake, is being used for agricultural purposes.

Niebur has said previously the city might pursue another state grant next year to help cover development costs for the park, as well as possibly coming up with a city contribution for some of those costs.

He has compared the size and purpose of the proposed park to that of Edwardsville Township Park on Center Grove Road. He has said it would be a passive park, without active athletic fields.

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News

Papa makes assignments

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

This month's reorganizing of the Madison County Board continued on Wednesday with Chairman Rudy Papa's appointments of the board's committees.

"The power of the County Board does not come from this chair," Papa said. "It comes from you board members in committees. That's where all the work is done."

Many of the top committees were dramatically changed. The Buildings Committee has a whole new cast, including Chairman William "Skip" Krumsch, Joe Semanisin, William Little, Mark Burris and Larry Trucano.

Krumsch, Ray Romine, Jack Orrill and Pat Polley were named to the Executive Committee. Rick Faccin and Alan Cridler will join the Finance Committee.

Robert Sille was appointed chair of the Land Use Committee. He will be joined by new members Don Rea and Jim Augustine, D-Livingston, who replaced new Auditor H. Jack Frandsen on the board.

Added to the Legislative Committee were Wayne Bridgewater and Burris. Also of note, the Data Processing Committee has changed its name to Information Systems.



Shirley Valencia photo

Firefighters donation

Firefighters Local 253 donated money to several local organizations, including Protestant Welfare, The Salvation Army, the Phoenix Crisis Center and Good Samaritan House. Pictured are, from left, Art Asadorian, Carol Chiappa Burgess and Danny Green, with Estelle Palmer Coffice at Phoenix House.

Madison County Christmas tree recycling stations will begin opening this Saturday

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

After the wrapping paper has been thrown away and the holiday feast left over, the Christmas tree — or what's left of it — remains.

For those needing a place to drop off live trees, the Madison County Building, Zoning and Environmental Department will have 26 sites throughout the county.

"It's really important," said Madison County Solid Waste Coordinator Denise McCleary. "The state of Illinois changed the landscape waste law (prohibiting such wastes from landfills). However, Christmas trees are not considered

landscape waste, they are considered some kind of temporary ornament.

"If people don't recycle them, they go to the landfill," she said.

In addition to dropping off trees — which will be turned into mulch at most sites — gardeners can take the mulch free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Folks who use the Granite City park site may want to see if mulch will be available," McCleary said. The sites will be open from Dec. 26-Jan. 18.

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Obituaries

Marie Bollinger

MARIE BOLLINGER, of Columbia, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Monday, Dec. 21, 1998, at Lenior Health Care in Columbia, Mo.

Mrs. Bollinger was born Feb. 26, 1913, in Yonkers, N.Y. Survivors include her brother, Harry Costello Jr., of Las Vegas; one sister-in-law, Joan Costello of Waterloo; one niece, Marie Costello Schroeder; and two nephews, Patrick and Paul Costello.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Bollinger; and her parents, Harry William and Winifred (Judge) Costello.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Memorial Funeral Home, 1217 Bus. 70 W., Columbia, Mo.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Memorial Funeral Home in Columbia, Mo., with the Rev. Dick Milpugh officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, Guest House D C 205.00, 1 Hospital Drive, Columbia, Mo., 65212.

John Bridick

JOHN BRIDICK, 89, of Granite City, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 1998, at Sunrise University Manor.

Mr. Bridick was born April 6, 1909, in Madison, Mo. He was retired from Friedman's Furniture Store and was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Croatian Home. He had been chairman of the Madison County Board.

Survivors include his wife, Carmen (McGovern) Bridick; one son, John Bridick of Granite City; two daughters, Rebecca and Arlene Morley of Collinsville; one brother, Thomas Bridick of Granite City; two sisters, Josephine Laub of Caseyville, and Mary Leask of West Frankfort; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Johanna (Dallas) Bridick; and two brothers, Andrew Bridick and Charles Bridick. Visitation will be 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at Werner Chapel in Granite City.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Wiese officiating.

Memorials may be made to the University Manor Activities Fund.

Walter Dix

WALTER J. DIX, 59, of Granite City died Sunday, Dec. 20, 1998, at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis.

Mr. Dix was born Nov. 6, 1939, in Muskegon, Pa. He was a retired truck driver for Malone Trucking and was in the Coast Guard.

Survivors include his daughter, Melissa Dix of Granite City. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Eda Dix.

Services will be at 3 a.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Lydia Dorste

LYDIA K.J.S. DORSTE, 69, of Alton, formerly of Venice, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 1998, at her residence.

Mrs. Dorste was born Dec. 3, 1929, in Cleveland. She was a housewife and a member of the Protestant faith and the Venice Senior Citizens.

Survivors include her three sons, John Corethers Jr. of Alton, Raymond Corethers of Cottage Hills and Christopher Corethers of Alton; seven daughters, Jody Ballmann of

Alton, Mary Smith of Godfrey, Barbara Kendle of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Betty Valley of Carlinville, Barbara Willardford of East Alton, Terry Badgley of Alton and Patricia Emery of Alton; 32 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Corethers Sr.; her second husband, Harry Dorste; her parents, Walter and Kaethe (Falk) Ehrhardt; one daughter, Kaethe Corethers; one grandson, Travis Corethers; one great-grandchild, Kayla Moxey; and one brother, Walter Ehrhardt.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Werner Chapel, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Werner Chapel in Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Norman Wilfong officiating.

Mrs. Dorste's remains were donated to Saint Louis University Medical School.

The family is having a 4 p.m. luncheon following the funeral at House D C 205.00, 1 Hospital Drive, Columbia, Mo., 65212.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Edward Harris

EDWARD L. HARRIS, 55, of Granite City, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Harris was born April 10, 1943, in Dover, Tenn. He was retired from American Steel as a millman.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Harris; one son, Rod Harris of Granite City; two daughters, Cynthia Harris and Tammy Harris, both of Granite City; two brothers, Joe Harris and Andrew Harris, both of Granite City; one sister, Elsie Hooper of Washington, Mo.; and one grandson, Nicholas Harris and Nathan Harris.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elvin and Ruby (Anglin) Harris.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Kyle White officiating.

Memorials may be made to the family.

William James

WILLIAM A. JAMES, 84, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died Sunday, Dec. 20, 1998, at Sunrise Care Center in Edwardsville.

Mr. James was born Nov. 26, 1914, in Carter. He was retired from American Car Foundry as a crane operator and was a member of First Baptist Church and Masonic Triple Lodge 835. Mr. James was a World War II Four Star Veteran.

Survivors include his brothers, Thomas James of Rockwood and John James of Granite City; and one sister, Bonny Moss of Joliet.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Naomi (Hubert) James; his parents, George and Bessie (Rury) James; one son, Phillip James; and one sister, Emma Doehr.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Owen officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church.

Maxine Parrish

MAXINE (STANTON) PARRISH, 82, of Granite City, died Friday, Dec. 19, 1998, in Granite City.

Mrs. Parrish was born Oct. 27, 1916, in Reno, Ill. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her stepdaughter, Carolyn Sawyer of Fort Worth, Texas; two step-granddaughters and one step-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Parrish; and her parents, Ralph and Iris (Carroll) Stanton.

Graveside services were held Monday, Dec. 21, at Reno Bethel Cemetery in Reno, Ill., with the Rev. Elmer Fenton officiating.

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Gerald Rawlings, 67, of Granite City, died Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Mr. Rawlings was born Oct. 12, 1931 in Lodi, Calif.

He was a printer for John S. Swift Lithography in St. Louis.

He was in the Air Force during the Korean War and a member of St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City.

He married Joan (Bearden) Rawlings on March 1, 1952; she survives. Other survivors are his two daughters, Brenda Rawlings and Sharon Province, both of Granite City; sister, Joyce Butler of Stockton, Calif.; his brother, Garth Rawlings of Lodi, Calif.; and four grandsons.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Chester E. and Harriett M. (Tolliver) Rawlings.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at St. John United Church of Christ, 2601 Madison Ave.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at St. John United Church of Christ, with the Rev. Allan Ratter officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Nameoki Road.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Irwin Chapel in Granite City is handling the arrangements.

Daniel Timko, 46, of Madison, formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 1998, at St. Mary's Hospital in Clayton, Mo.

Mr. Timko was born Jan. 1, 1950, in Granite City. He was employed by Service Club for the Blind with Tiemann Industrial, Inc., as an inventory control manager and was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce (Gipson) Timko; his father, Joseph (Timko) Timko of Madison; one daughter, Misty Timko of Maryland Heights, Mo.; one son, Daniel Timko of Granite City; two sisters, Barbara Mervich of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Jane LaPorte of Pennsylvania; and one brother David Timko of San Francisco.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Luella (Phillips) Timko.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Mercer Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. John Gambin officiating. Burial was in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorials may be made to the family.



Santa at BAC

Kirsten Pastoriza, 3, of Granite City, gets some extra-special attention from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus during a recent Holiday Morning with Santa event. The event featured breakfast and visits from the Clauses, Granny Mouse, Rudolph and Frosty the Snowman. Kirsten is the granddaughter of Chris Moran-Hunter of Fairmount City, who works on campus.

Contributed photo

Former KMOV anchor Phelan killed in Saturday night auto accident

Funeral mass set for today; probe continues

By Heather Cole
Staff writer

A funeral Mass will be held today in Creve Coeur for Mary Phelan Baudendistel, a former KMOV-TV (Channel 4) anchorwoman.

Baudendistel, 37, died Sunday at St. John's Mercy Medical Center from head injuries she received in a three-car accident Saturday evening on Interstate 270 near Olive Boulevard.

Baudendistel's husband, Dr. Allen Baudendistel, an anesthesiologist at Missouri Baptist Medical Center, was driving in the far left lane southbound on I-270 at about 7 p.m. when a car ahead slowed because of engine troubles,

said St. Louis County police Sgt. Mike Mowery.

When Allen Baudendistel slowed, a car behind them rear-ended the couple's car, causing it to plow into the car ahead, Mowery said.

"There was no indication the driver (of the rear-most car) attempted to slow down at all," Mowery said.

The driver of that car received a broken ankle, Mowery said. All other people involved in the accident suffered only minor injuries, Mowery said.

No citations were issued at the scene, Mowery said. Police are continuing their investigation and waiting for the results of toxicology tests on the drivers before deciding whether charges will be sought against anyone involved, he said.

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GCHS students collect money for needy

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baskets.

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"There are so many needy students in school," Ames said. "You know (donors) may

be giving up their lunch money. They know there are some students more needy than they are."

This is the 25th year the Student Council has collected for the needy during the Christmas season and they definitely set a new record this year.

They purchase the food and

other goods from Cohen's Wholesale, 2201 Illinois Ave. in west Granite City.

On Monday, the Student Council and others will help deliver the baskets to people identified by The Salvation Army as being in need.

"It's good to see everyone get together like this," Ames said.

Area holiday basketball tourneys on tap

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each year just seems to get a little more difficult," said Bone, who manages a 15-year-old tournament that is one St. Louis' most prestigious events.

"Financially, to bring big

teams in, the cost goes up more and more each year. "It is getting more and more difficult every year to bring it all together."

But instead of being Grinch-like, Bone and his like-minded cohorts continue to offer a generous menu of games that even Santa would envy.

And teams love to play in holiday events for a variety of reasons.

"I think you maybe become a good team when you spend a little extra time together over the holidays," said Granite City boys basketball coach John VanBuskirk. "You get a little closer as a team."

Madison County Board says farewell to 8

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board. He reminded the new board to always keep the taxpayers in mind, because they are the ones who foot the bills.

Vonnahmen, appointed to Bill Aery's seat when the latter was named county treasurer two years ago, said he enjoyed every moment of his service and that it had been a wonderful few years.

Sonnenberg, elected four years ago and defeated in a narrow primary election, said he had gained an entirely different perspective while a board member.

Paynic echoed that sentiment by saying he had learned a lot and had a good time.

Bosich, whom Papa called "an elder statesman" for his 24 years of service, jokingly remarked that it was one of the only jobs he had in which he hadn't been kicked out of;

he retired on his own.

At the same time, the board presented Aery with a plaque in recognition of his services as county treasurer and 14 years on the board.

"What can I say ... but that everyone brings something to the board by coming, others by going," he joked.

To bring the board up to full strength, Jim H. Augustine of Livingston was appointed to fill the remaining term of Jack Frandsen, himself recently appointed county auditor.

Unusual used-car lot gets approval

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

The opening of an unusual used-car lot is racing toward the finish line. Stephen C. Burian of Edwardsville presented his site development plan last week for his business, to be located at the old go-cart track in front of Cottonwood Bowl, 2859 Illinois 159.

The Glen Carbon Planning/Zoning Commission

approved the plan, which will probably go before the Village Board for final approval in January.

The lot will be called Steve Burian Integrity Motors and may open as soon as February.

"This is not going to be what you traditionally see as a used-car lot, with flat rows of cars," Burian told the commission. "I want a unique look to this. It's something we really don't have in our

community." Burian will leave the go-cart track and place about 36 used vehicles — priced from about \$3,200 and up — around the hilly landscape. The 30,600 square-foot lot will be strictly for sales, and vehicles will be serviced and repaired before they arrive.

Burian said he has a large network of suppliers and customers. For the past four years, he was a salesman at Cassens in Glen Carbon.

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December 30	10 am-9:30 pm
December 31	10 am-6 pm
January 1	10 am-6 pm
January 2	Regular Hours

Granite City medical clinic adds on four more specialists

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Multi-Care Specialists PC on Maryville Road keeps growing. The unique clinic, which blends chiropractic with traditional medicine and treatment such as surgery and internal medicine, is bringing in new team members, including a world-renowned orthopedic surgeon.

Dr. Richard C. Lehman, Steven D. Stahle, Joseph R. Ritchie and Clayton R. Perry of the U.S. Center for Sports Medicine have entered a professional association with Dr. Mark J. Evenson and Multi-Care Specialists.

Lehman has earned a worldwide reputation in the treatment of professional athletes, teams and Olympic gold medalists, both past and present.

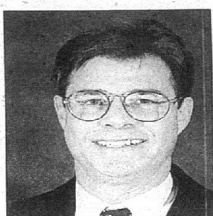
Starting in January, Lehman's associate Steven Stahle will be on-site at Multi-Care's facility at 3968 Maryville Road to direct the care of orthopedic injuries.



MARK EVENSON

including preventative practices, maintenance, rehabilitation and surgery. A full-time physical therapist will assist the new medical team.

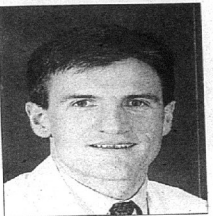
With the addition of the renowned, board-certified medical team, Evenson has ambitious plans for the future, including an outpatient



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surgical and diagnostic center, which will feature an open MRI unit.

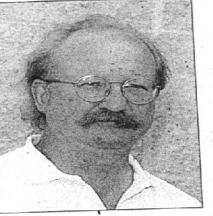
"I am proud to be affiliated with Dr. Evenson's clinic," said Lehman. "The ability to treat high-level sports injuries, as well as orthopedic conditions, is greatly improved by his excellent facility."



STEVEN STAHLE

"There is high priority on professionalism and attention to detail, and I feel that our patients are receiving the best of care," he said.

Evenson's Multi-Care Specialists began almost two years ago when he and a colleague, Dr. Tibor C. Kopjas, an M.D. specializing in



CLAYTON PERRY

internal medicine, began sharing space and patients at Kopjas' office in Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Patients enjoyed seeing two doctors of very different medical backgrounds in one building.

Out of this cooperation came Multi-Care Specialists, which



JOSEPH RITCHIE

took up residence at the expanded Evenson Chiropractic building on Maryville Road. Several other local, renowned doctors joined in the clinic, which opened earlier in 1996.

For more information on Multi-Care Specialists, call 797-0618.

New European currency won't have major impact for consumers

By Becky Garrison
Staff writer

The new European currency, the euro, will make its debut in January.

Although it will impact local financial institutions and businesses who deal in foreign trade immediately, it will have a minimal impact on consumers for the first three years.

The 11 members of the European Economic and Monetary Union will adopt a common currency, which will immediately become a major international currency, second only to the dollar.

Even though the first step will be taken Jan. 1, consumers will still be using national currencies for at least three years.

By Jan. 1, 2002, travelers will be able to say goodbye to francs, lira, pesetas and marks. This is when euro coins and bills, already in production, will be put into circulation. National currencies will continue to be used until six months beyond that date, and after that, only

the euro will exist.

Larry Kirschner, senior vice president and manager of the Mercantile Bank Foreign Exchange department, said businesses who are currently dealing in Europe need to prepare for the change.

"If businesses are not prepared, they may not be able to make quick decisions," Kirschner said. "U.S. companies could find competition increased."

Kirschner said an example would be the French starting to look at German or Spanish suppliers. He added that there is also a positive side to the competition.

"Eleven countries will now have the same pricing scale, and if businesses do their research properly and prepare, they could have big opportunities," he said.

Kirschner said a U.S. company buying from European countries can now compare suppliers on a level playing field.

He added that virtually all major financial institutions have euro awareness and most are euro-ready.

At Mercantile, a committee has been formed to look not only at how to facilitate payments after Jan. 1, but also to examine things that customers need to be aware of.

Only 11 European nations have agreed to adopt the euro. They are Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. The three that have not agreed at this time, but may change later, are Great Britain, Denmark and Sweden.

According to printed sources some consumers will notice credit card charges quoted in euros (and then converted to dollars), and several financial institutions, including American Express, have announced they will begin issuing travelers' checks in euros beginning Jan. 1.

Kirschner said Mercantile plans to begin issuing its travelers' checks in euros Jan. 1.

The exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the euro will not be set until Jan. 1, but it is believed it will be around \$1.18 to 1 euro.

Eagles hold past presidents meeting

A short meeting followed the past president dinner of Eagles Auxiliary 1126 of Granite City, with the roll call reporting LaVerne Malzynski, Inside Guard;

Mary Church, Outside Guard; and Flo Stokes, Jr. Past President, excused due to illness and Scouting commitments. Their chairs were pro-temmed by Barbara Land, Jane Moore and Susan Allen.

Four applications for membership were read. Vincine Zerlain, Katie Kostoff and Evalene Ederle read their reports, and Evalene updated the Nov. 8

special bingo celebrating our fourth year at the Nameoki Bingo Center, with two trips being given away as well as Mark McGwire Beanie Babies.

Correspondence was read from The Salvation Army and from Catholic Charities thanking the Auxiliary for their monthly donations.

The Grand Aerie sent a "No Goose Egg" Sticker earned for the month of September and it will be added to the poster.

Joanna Spencer announced that Betty Wendling and Betty Mates, past state presidents, had both had

surgery and were doing well. A get-well card was

sent to Edna Cease, recovering from surgery,

and a sympathy card was sent to Susie Rogers for the loss of her stepfather, Gordon Biley. Vicky Walker

had surgery, and is recuperating at home.

Angie Buehler reported that she, Hilda Melton, Pat Fitchett, Barbara Modrusic and Joann Spencer had recently attended the Mt. Carmel Eagles Illinois state officers weekend.

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New book may have all the answers

If you're curious about the long-term of the American economy, you may find some answers in a new book, *Independently Wealthy: how to Build Financial Security in the New Economic Era*, by Dr. Robert Goodman, managing director and senior economic adviser at Putnam Investments.

Goodman's message is simple: "Sweeping economic government policy changes now in the making will affect virtually every American."

In a recent Putnam commentary in market and economic prospects, Goodman reaffirmed his belief that the U.S. economy is on the threshold of a golden age. His reasons are based on sound economic study.

The inflation rate remains at levels not experienced since the 1960s. According to Goodman, interest rates, combined with increased productivity, are creating "an economic environment as conducive to equity investing as anything else we have experienced in more than four decades."

The U.S. stock market is in a period of transition. Yet important signs of strength



Jeff Prosser

remain. Economic expansion has averaged 3 percent annual growth in real terms over the past eight years, and the dollar is regarded as a better investment than gold worldwide. Taking these factors into account, Goodman believes the market will remain strong as long as there are incentives to save, invest and produce.

The stock market is willing to accept these new benchmarks. According to Goodman, in the next four to five years, fair value will be represented by lower average dividend yields and significantly higher price-to-earnings multiples.

Historically, as stock-dividends decline, investors turn to higher-yielding bonds. However, Goodman suggests

that interest rates will remain low, offering little incentive for income investors to switch to bonds.

Why is this so? The Taxpayers Relief Act of 1997 fueled the potential for a balanced U.S. budget and created the conditions for a larger budget surplus.

Congress is eyeing this surplus now, debating over whether to spend it, give it back through tax reductions or pay down outstanding debt. Goodman is betting Congress will vote to pay down outstanding debt. If this occurs, he believes that long-term Treasury bond yields could trend down to 5 percent.

In light of Goodman's economic optimism, you may wonder what he thinks about stock market corrections. Goodman feels a correction during a market trend that remains strong and positive will be just that—a correction.

The stock market is a mirror of the economy, and, as Goodman states, "economic conditions do not get better" than we are experiencing today.



Scott Kelly photo

Open for business

Tips & Toes, located on Pontoon Road, recently opened for business. The shop provides care for hair, nails, manicured, pedicures, kneads, massages and facial herbal wraps. Pictured are front row, from left, Judy Moss, R.C. Bush of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, Kathy Clark, Jeanette Wilson and Sheri Mier. Back row, Donna Funk, Kathi Chandler, Sherry Warren and Margaret Rooney, owner.

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Landowners should exercise 'reasonable care' with hunters

Landowners who allow hunters access to their property for pay may subject themselves to liability risks that deserve special attention. Many landowners are concerned about making themselves too vulnerable to liability lawsuits.

To reduce their liability exposure, landowners must exercise what is considered "reasonable care" for all visitors. Reasonable care varies with the circumstance involved. Negligence must be proven in order for the landowner to be held liable for a personal loss or injury. A landowner will most frequently be held liable for losses and injuries that occur as a result of his or her gross negligence or willful misconduct.

In order for the landowner to be held liable, it must be proven that he did not exercise reasonable care to prevent injury that is expected under the law.

Liability lawsuits brought against private landowners for negligence involving hunting accidents are not common, according to Gary Bullen, Farm Business Management and Marketing Educator. The following suggested steps should reduce liability exposure by providing layers of protection for fee-hunting operators on private lands:

- Inspect the property and note in writing all potentially hazardous situations. Give each guest a map of the property. Take time to mark and point out all boundaries and hazardous conditions.

- Supply each user with a set of regulations, which are aimed at preventing accidents and protecting the property. Have the guest sign a copy of the rules stating that they have read them.

- Each guest should sign a written statement stipulating that they hold the landowner innocent of any responsibility before using the premises.

- Hunting clubs can obtain liability insurance for their members at reasonable costs. Landowners may be listed as additional insured parties on most policies. This coverage protects both the landowner and the hunting group should either be found guilty of negligence.

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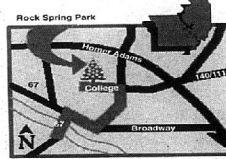
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School gets high marks for stance on Hawkins

If you've been around high school athletics as long as I have, you become suspicious at the mention of eligibility.

Too often, regardless of a school's standards, there always seems to be a way for the athlete to succeed on the court first and in the classroom second.

No wonder then why I was impressed on Dec. 11 to learn of East St. Louis



Art Voellinger

Sports Views

Senior High competing against Belleville West in boys basketball without the Flyers' leading scorer, senior Daniel Hawkins. Not to take anything from the Maroons' 45-43 victory and without wanting to go into details on Hawkins' situation, it appears East Side did its part in making sure the playing field is level for itself and its opponents.

Simply put, Hawkins failed to achieve the minimum standards not only recognized by East Side but set by the Illinois High School Association.

That means he and any other scholar-athlete, or those involved in extracurricular activities, must pass 20 credit hours per week by maintaining at least a D grade in four academic classes.

"He knew his status (he is working to make sure it does not happen again," said East St. Louis athletic director Ted Daniels.

Does that mean similar standards are being applied at other schools?

According to IHS executive director David Frey, "It remains up to the local school districts to apply academic standards if they are to be successful."

Overtime

Eligibility concerns have increased recently since the IHS law requires school districts to decide by Jan. 1 on a minimum academic standard for participation in extracurricular activities.

According to Frey, most districts can adopt the IHS minimum, but that does not prevent some from setting higher standards.

That's why my curiosity has been perked by a proposal for the Chicago Public League schools for a C or 2.0 grade-point average necessary to maintain eligibility.

"You have to understand there are political ties to that," said Frey.

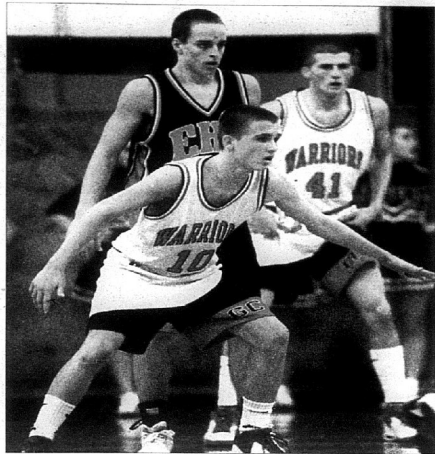
In other words, it's a publicity stunt. For me or you to believe that basketball standouts—especially in the boys game—are going to miss games for academic reasons is as likely as the resurrection of Al Capone.

Want to hear what happens to academics when a politician gets involved?

According to the Chicago proposal, a student athlete failing short of that 2.0 would not head straight to the bleachers. Instead, he or she would have to enter an individual study plan (e.g., tutoring or Saturday classes) to boost performance.

The student could still play basketball or play with the band, for instance, as long as school officials believed he or she was putting an honest effort into the plan.

What happens if the Public League adopts the IHS's pass or fail, but measures achievement with a subjective eye toward potential? In other words, giving a D for trying hard.



Tim Stephenson photo

Junior guard Zack May has taken over the leadership role for a much-improved Warriors basketball team.

May courting reversal of fortune for Warriors

Junior guard drives dramatic turnaround

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The same guy who led the Granite City football team to tough wins down the stretch is now leading the basketball team through the ashes of last season's disappointing 10-loss finish.

Junior Zack May is the point guard on an improved Warriors team, which boasts a record of 7-2. His coach thinks that he can do it all.

He is the leader of the group. He's the quarterback on the basketball team just as much," Granite City coach John VanBuskirk said. "He calls out plays just like he does in football. He's the leader of the team, and right now, he has a good following. The kids are listening and doing a good job."

"He is just a very versatile athlete. You've seen him perform very well in football, and he's a very good basketball player. He is a scorer when we need it, he's a ball-handler when we need it, he's a defensive player when we need it. And you don't have to tell him, he just knows what to do in the situation. He knows the game of basketball and he knows

"There is all win in him. He wants to win at all costs, he gives it 110 percent at all times, and it shows no matter what he is doing."

John VanBuskirk
GCHS coach

how to play the game, and that helps him a great deal because he plays against some pretty good other point guards in our area, and he competes right at their level.

"He just does a very good job. That's just the kind of kid he is. There are just so many good things you can say about him."

In the season-opening Alton Tournament, May only averaged 8.2 points per game as the Warriors went 3-1.

Against defending Southwestern Conference champion Edwardsville, May had 21—and the Warriors won 56-55.

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Warriors win despite 22 points from Hansen

Team improves to 7-2 after beating Jerseyville

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City overcame the torrid shooting of guard Ryan Hansen to beat the Panthers

BOYS BASKETBALL
56-53 Saturday night at home.

Hansen had 22 points, including 13 in the second half and five 3-pointers. The Warriors countered with Matt Pistorius, who had 16, and Zack May, who had 14.

Pistorius came through in the clutch, when it looked like Jerseyville was going to hang

in for a chance at a last-second, winning basket.

With under a minute to go, Pistorius was tripped by Jerseyville's Greg Madison and drew an intentional foul.

Pistorius made the second free throw, and the Warriors took the ball out of bounds. Kevin Elliot found May streaking down the middle of the court and got him the ball. May's layup sealed the victory for Granite City. Jerseyville would

add a basket as time expired to finish the scoring.

"We did a good job in the first half, but we just kind of let them take control in the third quarter," Warriors coach John VanBuskirk said. "We just didn't do a very good job in the third quarter. We're glad we got out of here with the win."

Granite City made it harder on itself than it had to in the first half, following the lead of

the Panthers' sloppy early play. But the Warriors led 15-9 after the first quarter and 27-19 at the half.

"We started missing our shots," May said. "We didn't think (Jerseyville) was playing that good, so we just needed to hit our shots and we weren't getting it done enough."

Both teams scraped off the rust in the third quarter, combining for 38 points. The Panthers came out and hit

three 3-pointers in the first few minutes of the quarter to take a 32-30 lead. To complicate matters further, Warriors center Chris Tindall got his fourth foul early and had to sit for the last six minutes of the third stanza.

"Chris got into foul trouble and that caused us some problems," VanBuskirk said. "But Teddy Wallace came in and did a good job, and Matt did a nice job inside. He's struggling a little on his outside jump shot, and when he moved inside, he got back

penalties." Pritchard scored the second goal for the Warriors, who lost for the first time since Pritchard joined them two weeks ago.

"We were so far behind at that point that we were just looking for something positive," Yurkovich said. "We woke up and we were down by

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Panthers prey upon Granite City's mistakes

Fort Zumwalt North posts 12-2 win over Warriors

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City had a hiccup in its Mid-States Club Hockey Association recovery last Thursday.

CLUB ICE HOCKEY
The Warriors fell to St. Charles County (Mo.) Fort Zumwalt North 12-2 after a two-game winning streak that raised Granite City's season record to 3-1.

The Warriors actually jumped out to take the lead at 1:14 of the first period, when Bobby Scott converted a play set up by Greg Sarich and Greg Pritchard.

But the Panthers soon took over, scoring three goals in the last 5:50 of the first period.

"One was a point shot that Sarich tried to knock out of the air and it went in the net," said Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich. "On the second one, the puck came to Lenny Wilson, and he tried to play it, but that went in the net, too."

The Warriors were outshot in the game 26-10.

"We started out playing well,"

Yurkovich said. "Fort Zumwalt had a fantastic game. They were passing the puck all over and kept us running around out of position all night. When they moved the puck so well, we got caught watching, and it's hard to catch up when you are standing around. It just looked like keep-away. They did a hell of a job controlling the puck and supporting each other."

"They are a physical team. They have enough good, solid players that if they play as a team they are really

tough, and they played extremely well. They got under our skin pretty quickly with their physical play and cheap tactics and it knocked us on our heels.

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Area fifth-grader nets big interview with Globetrotter

Holy Family student wins Journal Junior Sportswriter contest

By Toby M. Carrig
Staff writer

The big win on campus Friday afternoon at Holy Family School in Granite City was very big.

But Holy Family fifth-grader Kati Long did not back down from her meeting with 6-foot-8 1/2 Harlem Globetrotters center James "Jumbo" Bacon.

Long, the winner of the Journal Junior Sportswriter contest, asked Bacon the three interview questions she submitted for the contest ... and then fired a few more.

For her winning entry, Long became a hero to her classmates Janet Niles-Smith's room. First prize in the contest included the appearance by the Globetrotters player for the interview. In addition, Long receives four VIP seats to the Jan. 8 Harlem Globetrotters game at the Kiel Center.

Bacon, in addition to answering questions from Long and her classmates, signed autographs, instructed some students in basketball trickery, and spoke about the importance of goals, discipline and good citizenship.

Long said she formulated her winning entry in a day.

"My mom told me about it in the newspaper," she said. "I thought it'd be neat and thought up the questions."

Long said she utilized resources such as the Guinness Book of the Records for background information on the Globetrotters.

Her winning entry:

"The Harlem Globetrotters were founded by Abraham Saperstein on Jan. 7, 1927, and they played their first game in Hinkley, Ill. Since then, your team has remained a success and continues to play for sold-out crowds. Do you think your popularity will continue in the next millennium?"

"The Harlem Globetrotters always amaze crowds with all their neat tricks. How long did it take you to master all those tricks?"

"Do you like performing in front of crowds and how do you keep the nervous jitters away?" Long also asked Bacon if there were any women players on the team and on what other teams Bacon, an Arizona State graduate, had played.

The answers will be part of a story written by Long for the Jan. 6 edition of the Journal.

The answer to whether the Globetrotters can post another victory will be answered 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 at Kiel Center.

Tickets for the Globetrotters, ranging from \$10 to \$75, are available through the Kiel Center Box Office, all Capital Tickets locations or by calling Dialtix (314-988-8000). For group sales, call 314-622-5454.



Tim Stephenson photo

Harlem Globetrotters center James "Jumbo" Bacon performs basketball tricks to the song "Sweet Georgia Brown" with students from Holy Family school in Granite City. Bacon visited the school as part of the Journal Junior Sportswriter contest. Holy Family fifth-grader Kati Long submitted the winning entry, which gained her a face-to-face interview with Bacon.

DOBBS Cardinals Team of the Week

TIRE & AUTO CENTERS

They got game

The boys sixth-grade soccer team from Queen of Peace grade school in Belleville recently won league and tournament championships in the Belleville CYO soccer division. The Raiders capped a 10-0 season by defeating Blessed Sacrament 10-2 in the championship game. Front row, from left, are Brian Dayton, Brett Tyler, A.J. Gass, Alex Michael, Jeremy Sanders, Nick Schaefer, back row, John Muren, Chris Sonnenberg, coach Dave Horace, Andy Willard, Ryan Horace, Kyle Sanders, Danny Defoe, Paul Green, Brian Rowe and Matt Muckensturm.



Boys basketball

Freeburg-Columbia
Holiday Tournament
(at Freeburg)

Saturday, Dec. 26
Game 1: Bethalto Civic Memorial vs. Valmeyer, 10 a.m.
Game 2: Freeburg vs. Southwest-Plaza, 11:30 a.m.
Game 3: Dupo vs. Roxana, 1 p.m.
Game 4: Lebanon vs. New Athens, 2:30 p.m.
Game 5: Red Bud vs. Alton, 4 p.m.
Game 6: Columbia vs. Livingston, 5:30 p.m.
Game 7: Gibault vs. Venice, 7 p.m.
Game 8: Staunton vs. Marissa, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 28
Game 9: Loser Game 1 vs. loser Game 2, 10 a.m.
Game 10: Loser Game 3 vs. loser Game 4, 11:30 a.m.
Game 11: Loser Game 5 vs. loser Game 6, 1 p.m.
Game 12: Loser Game 7 vs. loser Game 8, 2:30 p.m.
Game 13: Winner Game 1 vs. winner Game 2, 4 p.m.
Game 14: Winner Game 3 vs. winner Game 4, 5:30 p.m.
Game 15: Winner Game 5 vs. winner Game 6, 7 p.m.
Game 16: Winner Game 7 vs. winner Game 8, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Game 17: Consolation semifinal, winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10, 1 p.m.
Game 18: Consolation semifinal, winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 12, 2:30 p.m.
Game 19: Fifth-place semifinal, loser Game 13 vs. loser Game 14, 4 p.m.
Game 20: Fifth-place semifinal, loser Game 15 vs. loser Game 16, 5:30 p.m.
Game 21: Championship semifinal, winner Game 13 vs. winner Game 14, 7 p.m.
Game 22: Championship semifinal, winner Game 15 vs. winner Game 16, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Game 23: Consolation title game, Winner Game 17 vs. winner Game 18, 4 p.m.
Game 24: Fifth-place game, Winner Game 19 vs. winner Game 20, 5:30 p.m.
Game 25: Third-place game, Loser Game 21 vs. loser Game 22, 7 p.m.
Game 26: Championship game, Winner Game 21 vs. winner Game 22, 8:30 p.m.



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Weekly

FLORISSANT VALLEY MEMORIAL AMERICAN LEGION POST #444, 1 to 4 p.m. (open 11 a.m.), Sunday, 17000 Old Jamestown Road (two miles north of Jamestown Mall). Information: 321-3729.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, OPEN MEETING, 6 p.m., Sunday, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1570 Chambers Road. Information: 731-4854.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, OPEN MEETING, 10 a.m., Sunday, Christian Hospital Northwest in Mental Health Division, 1226 Graham Road. Information: 731-4854.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, OPEN MEETING, 9 a.m., Sunday, DePaul Health Center in St. Vincent's Building, St. Charles Rock Road at I-270. Information: 731-4854.

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DMOA SUPPORT GROUP, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Kublaehk Room (off the lobby) at DePaul. Open to people with a mental illness who think they could benefit from group support. You do not have to have a diagnosis of depression or a mood disorder to attend.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, 7:30 p.m., Mondays, North Hills United Methodist Church, 10771 Trask (Florissant); 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, St. Peter's Church, 1426 Stein Road (Ferguson); 10 a.m., Wednesdays, St. Mark's Methodist Church, 315 Graham Road (Florissant); 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Rock Road Branch Library, 10267 St. Charles Rock Road (St. Ann); 9:30 a.m., Thursdays, Northminster United Presbyterian Church, 1570 Chambers (Gallwood). Information: 688-6270, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6 to 9 p.m., Tuesday.

GREATER ST. CHARLES AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Spiritual Connection,

DePaul Health Center, St. Vincent's Ed Room (Bridgeton), Monday, 8 p.m. (closed meetings), Choles, St. Barnabas basement, 2900 Catherine (Florissant); Wednesday, 8 p.m., New Life, Trinity Reform Church basement, 1705 McKelvey Road (Maryland Heights); Friday, 8 p.m., A Day at a Time, Christian Hospital Northwest, room 15, 1226 Graham Road (Florissant); Saturday, 7 p.m., Starting Over, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 12397 Natural Bridge and 10 a.m., Just For Today, DePaul Health Center, St. Charles Rock Road at McKelvey.

NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUP, meets at DePaul Health Center, Kublaehk Room. Information: 631-3319.

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY), 10 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, (note: new meeting place) Pease Lutheran Church, 4055 Edmundson Road. Information: 427-8397.

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY), 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Bethel United Church of Christ, 14700 New Halls Ferry Road. Information: 637-1342.

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY), 10 a.m., Tuesday, Bridgeton Community Center, 4201 Fee Road. New members welcome. Information: 291-5096.

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY), 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Florissant Presbyterian Church, 660 Charleston Road. Information: 921-7582.

SIA (SURVIVORS OF INCEST ANONYMOUS), 12-step meeting, 7 p.m., Wednesday, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Charles, (Security Conference Room, Sleep Disorders Lab, ground floor). Survivors only (men or women). Information: 995-1901.

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY), 9 to 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Bethel United Church of Christ, 14700 New Halls Ferry Road. Information: 637-1342.

AL-ANON, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Maryland Heights Presbyterian Church, 200 Harding (one block NW of Fee and Dorset). Information: 645-1572.

ROMANCE READERS OF FLORISSANT BOOK CLUB, 4 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Annie's Bookstop, 744 Florissant Meadows Shopping Center. New members welcome. Information: 638-5249.

RECOVERY INC-MENTAL HEALTH SELF-HELP SUPPORT GROUP, for persons with nervous symptoms, 10 a.m., Wednesday, Rock Road Branch Library, 10267 St. Charles Rock Road. Information: June, 739-3438; 7 p.m., Monday, St. Norbert Church, 16455 New Halls Ferry Road. Information: Velma, 631-3995.

AL-ANON, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Holy Trinity Church, 3519 N. 14th Street. Information: 241-9165.

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY), 8:00 p.m., Thursday, Park Baptist Church, 925 Graham Road. Information: 637-2523.

SENIOR CITIZEN BALLROOM DANCING, with live music, 7 to 10 p.m., Thursday, K.C. Hall, 119 S. Florissant Road. Information: 522-9258.

SAINT LOUIS FENCERS CLUB, 7 to 9:30 p.m., every Thursday, Ritenour Middle School (back gym), 2500 Marshall Road. Information: 727-0882.

ARMCHAIR ROMANTICS BOOK CLUB (romance novels), 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thursday, Kate's Place, 12512 Lushier Road. Information: 653-6777.

FLORISSANT VALLEY CHAPTER OF BARBERSHOPPERS, 7 p.m., Thursday, Maygrove Cafeteria (end of Mullany Road, Florissant). Information: 837-4707.

LIFE SOURCE CONSULTANTS INC., SUPPORT GROUP, for women experiencing physical, verbal, emotional or sexual abuse, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday. Information: 385-8686.

TOASTMASTERS, 7 p.m., Thursday, Florissant Valley Branch Library, 195 New Florissant Road S. (in Bangert Park). Develop public speaking skills. Information: 839-5162.

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Game 3 — Granite City vs. Chatham Glenwood, 1 p.m.
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Game 5 — O'Fallon vs. Springfield Sacred-Heart Griffin, 4 p.m.
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Game 22 — Game 19 loser vs. Game 20 loser, 7 p.m.
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Game 23 — Game 19 winner vs. Game 20 winner, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Second Round
Game 9 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 9 a.m.
Game 10 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 10:30 a.m.
Game 11 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 1 p.m.
Game 12 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 2:30 p.m.
Game 13 — Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 4 p.m.
Game 14 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7 p.m.
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May drives team's dramatic turnaround

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"Some nights I'll be feeling it, hitting my shots, and some nights I'll be passing, and they will be hitting their shots, like Matt (Pistorius) and Chris (Tindall) and everybody else will be hitting their shots, and I won't need to score," May said. "I try to gauge where everybody is at and get the hot guy the ball."

Quarterback and point guard are two positions which, more than any other, demand leadership of an athlete. May has it in spades, as evidenced by his work in practice.

"It's the same as you see in the game. It's the same," VanBuskirk said. "There's no difference between the game and practice, he does exactly the same thing."

VanBuskirk said May leads with his heart. "He gets on kids when they are loafing," he said. "He wants them to do better. He wants the junior

varsity to play tougher defense. He wants everybody on the floor, all 10 guys, at 110 percent. He even hollers at the bench to get up and root louder. He's at 110 percent, and he wants everybody else at that level. You can see in the junior varsity game he's rooting at 110 percent for the junior varsity. That's just Zack. That's the way he is."

"He's probably the most competitive kid we have. There is all win in him. He wants to win at all costs. He gives it 110 percent at all times, and it shows no matter what he is doing."

May said that's the nature of leadership. "It's the same leadership role, having to keep them up, keep them focused on the game just like in football," May said. "You have to know pretty much everything about the game, and of be a coach on the court."

"I just kind of keep everybody focused and keep them concentrating on the

game," May said. "Before the game, I will talk to them and ask them if there is anything wrong with them and just keep them focused. Off the court, I'll just hang out with them, go out to eat, keep them together."

On the court, May's insistent bark can be heard throughout a game, leading the four starters — Pistorius, Tindall, Elliot, and Mike Simpson, who seldom come out of the game — to press harder.

"We like to talk it up," May said. "I just think it pumps us up whenever I do that, and when they talk to me, I get pumped up. That's just the way I've been."

That's the way I play. I know we aren't going to get fatigued because those guys work hard in practice. They really work hard and hit a lot of shots when they are open. I know they aren't going to get tired at all, so we just keep talking it up."

Like Tim Hardaway, or a smaller version of Penny. May is a natural on the court.

"That's because he has

played so much basketball," VanBuskirk said. "He is a basketball player. He spends a lot of time at it. It's not just the season to him, it's the entire year."

And that's not to say he doesn't give up a great deal of time for football, but he even gives it out and spends time on basketball year-round. Matt (Pistorius) does the same thing. Kevin Elliot does the same thing. Teddy Wallace does the same thing. That's why these guys can be a good basketball team, for that very reason."

The Warriors are shot-putting last season's dismal decline of the radar — with a little help from the media.

"Last year's bad finish kind of motivated us in practice," May said. "Then I brought in this thing in the paper that said we were going to be last (in the conference) this year. That motivated us, just got us up to make sure that doesn't happen again because we were really disappointed last year."

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Warriors beat Jerseyville, improve to 7-2

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to scoring."

Wallace had six points, including a big 3-pointer at the end of the third to bring the Warriors and Panthers square at 42.

Tindall got back in the game in the fourth and played smartly around his fouls. Jerseyville had no fouls called on it in the second half until the second minute of the fourth quarter. The Warriors made six of eight from the line in the fourth quarter, a marked improvement over their

one-for-three first half. Brent Hawkins tossed in 11 points for the Panthers. Justin Baecht added five, and three players had two. Granite City forward Mike Simpson chipped in with six points for the Warriors, who raised their record to 7-2 on the season.

"Mike is a good high

school basketball player," VanBuskirk said. "He tries his hardest to do his role. He knows that he is going to get his shots and he's going to make them."

The Warriors are off until the Collinsville Holiday Tournament, which will be Dec. 28-30.

Granite City hits bump in road to recovery

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six goals, and then we took some dumb penalties. You can't get back in the game that way. We were taking some chances late, and you are going to give up some goals on two-on-ones and three-on-ones along that."

"Sometimes we go into react mode, where if one person isn't doing his job away from the puck, the whole team suffers. The goalies were being blank a lot of times tonight. The offense wasn't coming back, so the defense was left alone, and that is not how we're supposed to conduct ourselves."

This was the seventh

consecutive game the Warriors have skated without forward Jon Burns, who broke his wrist Nov. 16 in a win over DuRoi. "It doesn't look like we will see him until sometime in January," Yurkovich said. "The first set of X-rays weren't good. They showed that the healing process hadn't even begun yet. We'll

find out more this week. "As far as endurance and game conditions, it will take some time for him to get back in shape." The Warriors faced Hazelwood (Mo.) Central Monday night in North St. Louis County before the Christmas break.

"Hazelwood Central will

"When they moved the puck so well, we got caught watching, and it's hard to catch up when you are standing around. It just looked like keep-away."

Dave Yurkovich
GCHS coach

Soccer tryouts slated here

The Lady Knights Soccer Club is having tryouts for unregistered players for girls under 14 through girls under 14 age groups for the outdoor spring league in the SISL. For more information, call 539-4712.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Learn to play hockey
The U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights will hold a "Learn to Play Hockey" program on Saturdays from Jan. 9 through March 13. Sessions include Mitts (ages 6-9) at 9 a.m., Squirts (ages 10-11) at 10 a.m. and Pee Wees (ages 12-13) at 11 a.m. Learn to Play is a fundamental program focusing on skating, stickhandling, passing, shooting and game situational play, following USA Hockey's initiation program. Participants must be able to skate across the ice unassisted. Full equipment is required. The cost is \$225. For registration or more information, call 398-4600.

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Club hockey

Schedules for local teams in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association. Rivalry listed below in parentheses. Are: FH — the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights; EA — East Alton; GC — Granite City; CA — Cahokia.

ALTHOFF CRUSADERS Overall record (5-2)

November	
16 vs. Belleville East (FH)	W 7-2
22 vs. Alton (EA)	L 0-2
28 vs. Roxana (EA)	W 10-3
29 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	L 3-3

December	
5 vs. Belleville West (FH)	W 2-0
6 vs. Marquette (EA)	W 3-1
13 vs. Collinsville (FH)	W 5-4
14 vs. Cahokia (FH)	7-45 p.m.
22 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	8-45 p.m.
27 vs. Granite City (FH)	8-45 p.m.
29 vs. Belleville East (FH)	8-45 p.m.

January	
3 vs. Alton (FH)	9 p.m.
9 vs. Roxana (FH)	W 1-2
10 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	7-30 p.m.
12 vs. Belleville West (FH)	8-15 p.m.
13 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	7-45 p.m.
23 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	2-30 p.m.
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	7-30 p.m.
30 vs. Cahokia (CA)	5-15 p.m.

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS Overall record (5-2)

November	
16 vs. Granite City (EA)	L 3-4
22 vs. O'Fallon (EA)	W 1-2
24 vs. Belleville West (FH)	W 3-2
29 vs. Alton (EA)	L 1-4

December	
5 vs. Roxana (EA)	W 3-2
12 vs. Collinsville (EA)	W 5-2
13 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	W 3-1
17 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	7-15 p.m.
20 vs. Cahokia (EA)	5-45 p.m.
25 vs. Alton (FH)	8-45 p.m.
27 vs. Belleville East (EA)	7-15 p.m.
30 vs. Granite City (GC)	8-15 p.m.

January	
1 vs. Roxana (EA)	5-45 p.m.
3 vs. O'Fallon (EA)	5-45 p.m.
6 vs. Belleville West (EA)	7-15 p.m.
10 vs. Alton (EA)	7-15 p.m.
19 vs. Collinsville (FH)	8-15 p.m.
20 vs. Edwardsville (CA)	5-15 p.m.
28 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	7-15 p.m.
30 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	2-30 p.m.

FREEBURG BLUE RAGE Overall record (5-2)

November	
21 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	W 4-2
23 vs. Triad (FH)	W 4-1
28 vs. Wood River (FH)	W 6-2

December	
1 vs. Highland (FH)	W 6-0
5 vs. Piasa Southwestern (EA)	T 3-3
9 vs. Waterloo (FH)	T 4-4
12 vs. Jerseyville (EA)	6-15 p.m.
13 vs. Jerseyville (EA)	6-15 p.m.
15 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	6-45 p.m.
20 vs. Triad (FH)	8-15 p.m.
26 vs. Wood River (EA)	2-30 p.m.
27 vs. Highland (EA)	8-45 p.m.

January	
4 vs. Piasa Southwestern (FH)	7-45 p.m.
9 vs. Waterloo (FH)	8-45 p.m.
12 vs. Jerseyville (FH)	8-45 p.m.
17 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	4-30 p.m.
18 vs. Triad (FH)	4-30 p.m.
20 vs. Wood River (FH)	7-45 p.m.
26 vs. Highland (FH)	8-15 p.m.
30 vs. Piasa Southwestern (EA)	5-30 p.m.

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS Overall record (4-3-1)

November	
16 vs. Alton Marquette (GC)	W 5-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	W 4-3
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 3-4
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)	T 2-2

December	
2 vs. O'Fallon (GC)	L 3-6
5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	L 2-4
9 vs. Roxana (GC)	W 10-9
16 vs. Belleville West (FH)	W 4-3
21 vs. Belleville East (FH)	7-45 p.m.
22 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	8-15 p.m.
27 vs. Alton (FH)	7-30 p.m.
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC)	8-15 p.m.

January	
6 vs. Collinsville (GC)	8-15 p.m.
9 vs. Alton (EA)	5-30 p.m.
13 vs. Cahokia (GC)	8-15 p.m.
20 vs. Civic Memorial (GC)	W 4-3
24 vs. Roxana (EA)	5-45 p.m.
27 vs. Belleville East (GC)	8-15 p.m.
30 vs. Belleville West (FH)	4-15 p.m.

O'FALLON PANTHERS Overall record (7-2)

November	
14 vs. Belleville East (FH)	W 7-3
17 vs. Collinsville (FH)	W 5-3
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	W 5-3
28 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	W 2-0
29 vs. Alton (FH)	W 3-2

December	
2 vs. Granite City (GC)	W 6-3
9 vs. Cahokia (CA)	L 0-2
13 vs. Belleville West (EA)	W 3-0
19 vs. Belleville East (FH)	W 8-2
20 vs. Roxana (FH)	7-30 p.m.
27 vs. Alton (FH)	8-15 p.m.
28 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)	7-45 p.m.
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January	
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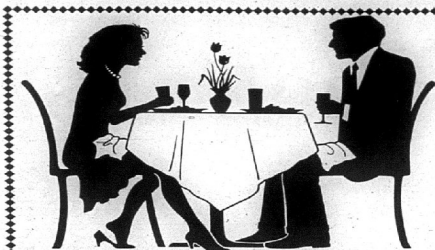


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Holiday Gift & Dining Guide



Choosing good outdoor gifts need not be a hassle

Choosing gifts for outdoor guys and gals doesn't have to be a hassle for folks wise enough to pick from Santa's special list. This year's selections include a potpourri of some of the season's best buys, ranging from stocking stuffers to bigger selections that might require an anchor to stay in place.

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Season's Greetings

Use caution when shopping in cyberspace

By Dan Yount
Staff writer

Many people have turned to the Internet to buy holiday gifts and avoid crowded stores and long checkout lines. However, shopping via the Internet can present problems — similar to those in using mail-order catalogs and shopping networks — for customers, said Michelle Corey of the Better Business Bureau.

Many complaints received by the bureau about Internet purchases involve misleading advertising about products or delivery problems, Corey said. A dozen or more such complaints are filed each week, she said.

"Most of the complaints we receive are made against the smaller and newer companies advertising merchandise on the Internet," she said. Don't rely on a photograph of a product advertised on the Internet which may make the product look larger or of better quality, she said. Be sure to read a description of the product in the advertisement.

she said. The customer may want to check out the item in a local store to determine the worth of the potential savings, she said. It's only possible to compare size and price of Internet products, but not product quality, she said. When placing an order, make sure the order form is complete or your order may be delayed, Corey said. If the company's return policy is not stated, ask about it before ordering, she said. Items that are ordered should be paid by check or money order when possible, Corey said. Also, keep a copy of the check or money order for reference, she said. Shoppers should be cautious about giving out their credit card or checking account numbers when making an order via the Internet if they are not familiar with the company, she said. Be cautious if asked to give out a Social Security number or other personal information over the Internet. If there is a problem with

the product or service, and customers are not able to resolve it with the company, they are advised to contact the Better Business Bureau, Corey said. The bureau will contact the company and ask for its position regarding the problem, she said.

Once contacted by the bureau, most companies are willing to resolve the problem, change a deceptive advertisement, ship the merchandise or send the customer a refund, she said.

If not, the bureau will attempt to mediate the matter in a legally binding arbitration

program to reach an out-of-court settlement, she said.

"Most cases are resolved once we bring the problem to the attention of the company," Corey said.

She advises potential Internet shoppers to contact the bureau before placing an order if the company is not well known.

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Mattel introduces classic Disney dolls, reintroduces toys for holidays

Mattel, Inc., the worldwide licensor for Disney Collector Dolls, has unveiled the 1998 Disney Collector doll and toy collection. The series is available for a

limited time only. The authentic Disney Limited Edition collector dolls, inspired by long-time Disney favorites, includes Cinderella (fourth in the Signature Collection

Series), Evil Queen (fourth in the Great Villain Collection Series) and Imperial Beauty Mulan (second in the Film Premiere Edition). Debuting as the first of the

series in the Daytime Drama Collection, the Erica Kane Doll is sure to turn some heads, as she does on television daily. The soap opera diva from the popular 'All My Children,' is

an authentic collectible. In addition to dolls, Mattel is re-introducing classic Disney toys for a limited time only. These toys will take adults on a nostalgic trip down memory lane.

The Fisher-Price Disney Character Wooden Pull-Toys, including the Mickey Mouse Drummer and the Donald Duck Xylophone, were recreated from the originals from the 1930s and feature both animated movement and sound, powered by a pull-string.

Mattel's Mousegetar Jr., a 14-inch guitar originally produced by Mattel in 1957, also has been reproduced. The

mini-guitar has a raised Mickey Mouse face and a crank that plays the official Mouseketeer theme song. Mattel also is introducing Walt Disney's Pinocchio — a genuine wooden marionette dressed in red woolen pants, black velvet vest and a yellow felt hat adorned with a feather. Pinocchio is displayed on a wooden base with brass handle.

The Disney Holiday Collection features the Holiday Princess Snow White, Petite Holiday Princess Collection, Cinderella's Royal Holiday Carriage and Holiday Hero Buzz Lightyear.

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News Community

Calendar
Editor's note: The community calendar contains items for the week of Dec. 28-29. Events that occur every week are listed the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Organizations

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2096.

GREATER BENEFICIAL UNION OF PITTSBURGH, District 49, Granite City Council, meets at 8 p.m. the first Friday of each month at Third Baptist Church, 28th Street and Grand Avenue in Granite City. James P. Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7296, and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

METRO EAST LANDLORD'S ASSOCIATION meets the first Monday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in Collinsville.

ELKETTES, Granite City Lodge 1063, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at the Elks Lodge on Maryville Road. Call 931-3585.

MADISON COUNTY LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Open to everyone in legal field. Attorneys, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information, call 465-4400.

EAGLES AUXILIARY 1126 meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Eagles Home, 2558 Madison Ave. Initiation is held the first meeting of each month, and a social hour and refreshments following the meetings. For more information, call Nina Jackson at 877-5808.

MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, Granite City unit, meets at noon the first Tuesday of each month at Anchorage Recreational Center. For more information, call 876-7026 or 931-3758.

TRIO UNIT, MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION meets at noon the first Tuesday of each month at Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash Ave., Granite City.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month at Shoney's, Highway 157 & Commerce Drive, Collinsville. Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information, call 692-6026 or 344-2898.

NEW HOPE CHAPTER 432, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1840 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

TRIPLE LODGE 835 A.F. and A.M. meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1840 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

Seniors
PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS pot luck dinner at 5 p.m. the last Saturday of each month at 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS Chapter 1340 meets on a regular basis. All senior 50 and over are welcome. For more information, call 877-3020.

Support Groups

RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER SUPPORT GROUP, meets 9:30 to 11 a.m. the first and third Saturday of each month at 1307 Madison Ave. in Madison to comfort and restore. Group membership is open to all who are "broken" at no cost. Worship service will follow at 11:30 a.m. each third Saturday. For more information, call 341-3643 or 656-7831.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP, 1 to 3 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, President's Room, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3456.

LEARNING TO LEAN support group for families with special needs children, for families and friends of any child with any disability. Meets 7 to 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at Word of Life Tabernacle, 4870 Maryville Road in Granite City. Child care is provided. Call Gina at 931-6453.

Local church schedules New Year's Eve watch night service

New Shining Light Missionary Baptist Church will hold a New Year's Eve watch meeting and shut-in service from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Dec. 31 at the church sanctuary.

The guest speaker will be evangelist Shelonda Williams. The public is invited to take part in the service.

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Our communication planet, Mercury, and the mysterious outer planet Pluto, conjoin today, encouraging the speedy wrap-up of business. This may be the last chance to tie up those loose ends of the year. A challenging aspect involving love planet Venus and aggressive Mars may bring doubt and worry to our most beloved pursuits. But trust the process of life. Resist the urge to force your way!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 23). You'll decide your mission for the year in the next three weeks. January brings new aspirations, and greater resources are available to you as well. Look for a mentor or person you admire to help you on your path. Gemini or Pisces is instrumental in helping you get close to that romantic hopeful married couple take magical excursions in February.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).



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A friend may need your help but may also be afraid to ask. Assertiveness leads to even greater self-esteem. Ask people over to your home. Singles find love at lunch time. Relationships think they know what is best; trust yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The powers that be may change the plan several times. A clear strategy could be central to winning at love or money. A recent conversation must

be taken seriously. Tonight, contact an old love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Be bold, and ask for what you deserve. Go out of your way to make things easier on a relative. The giving of gifts strains your budget but must be done. It is lucky to spend time and thought answering letters.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Avoid overexertion in exercise. Money allows you to sit back and ask for what you truly want in life. As for love, you get the upper hand in an on-again, off-again affair. A recent disagreement is best forgotten.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Jealousy worms its way into all kinds of relationships now. Your head says one thing, your heart another. Avoid flouting a recent prize or gift. Tonight, you are irresistible. Singles may have the problem of juggling multiple lovers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Trust intuition over logic. Forging business agreements is best done after the bustle dies down — it's pointless now. Seek out more information before making a love decision. When you're ready, adventure finds you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Model your actions after someone you respect — this could lead to a romantic journey. The best signs for new love are Taurus and Aries. When you are with someone who understands you, it is not hard to work things out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your physical well-being is improved with activity outdoors. Creative projects will touch the hearts of family more than big-money items. Affectionate moves may not be what they seem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Though you may be frustrated with a relationship, avoid ultimatums. The best

signs for new love are Aquarius and Cancer. You may be in the dark concerning family developments; let others know you care.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). More family joy — just don't listen to people who are always trying to figure out what's wrong instead of celebrating what is right. A dream last night could be a sign of approaching good fortune. Your patience is rewarded.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The holidays show you in

a super-seductive glow. Many people want to partner with you; you'll have to make a choice. Keep your social options open, as one could drop off at the last minute. Everyone loves a good listener!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Celebrations at your house are divine! Loved ones are concerned about changes and take your advice to heart. Be frivolous with the invitation list in the days ahead — you can really make a difference in the lives of others.

Movie Schedule

Film timetable for Wednesday, Dec. 23. For times on other days or to confirm those times, check local theaters.

CARMIKE PETITE
170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill. 644-1708
Star Trek (PG) 7:15, 9:30
A Bug's Life (G) 7:05, 9:20
Jack Frost (PG) 7:20, 9:25
Prince of Egypt (PG) 7:30, 9:15

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill. 254-9289
Star Trek (PG) 2:10, 5:10, 7:45, 10:00
Enemy Of The State (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
A Bug's Life (G) 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
You've Got Mail (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
The Rugrats Movie (G) 2:45, 4:40, 6:40, 9:00
Psycho (R) 2:00, 4:20, 7:30, 9:45

COTTONWOOD
EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill. 556-9390
I'll Be Home For Christmas (PG) 2:30, 7:15, 9:30
I Still Know What You Did Last Summer (R) 2:15, 7:00, 9:15
Ringmaster (R) 2:30, 9:40

LINCOLN THEATER
103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill. 233-9123
Antz (PG) 7:15, 9:10
I'll Be Home For Christmas (PG) 7:10, 9:00
Practical Magic (PG-13) 7:00, 9:05

NAMEOKI CINEMA
30 Nameoki Village, 877-6830
Babe (G) (R) 2:00, 4:45, 9:00
The Waterboy (PG-13) 2:15, 7:00, 9:15

O'FALLON 15 CINE
1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill. 822-4000
The Rugrats Movie (G) 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:00
Prince Of Egypt (PG) 12:30, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
Prince Of Egypt (PG) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00
Prince Of Egypt (PG) 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45
You've Got Mail (PG) 12:40, 3:15, 5:50, 8:30
You've Got Mail (PG) 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00
The Siege (R) 2:10, 5:00, 8:15
Ringmaster (R) 1:50, 4:20, 7:05, 9:20
A Bug's Life (G) 1:20, 3:15, 5:25, 7:45, 9:55
A Bug's Life (G) 2:15, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25
The Waterboy (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:50, 8:00, 10:00
The Waterboy (PG-13) 2:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00
Star Trek (PG) 1:15, 3:35, 5:50, 8:15
Star Trek (PG) 2:25, 4:50, 7:10, 9:45
Pleasantville (PG-13) 2:30, 5:20, 8:05

QUAD CINEMA
Belleville, Ill. 233-1220
Star Trek (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50
You've Got Mail (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
The Rugrats Movie (G) 2:15, 4:40, 6:45, 9:45
A Bug's Life (G) 2:00, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30

ST. CLAIR 10
50 Ludwig Drive, 398-8393
Enemy Of The State (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Enemy Of The State (R) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15
Very Bad Things (R) 1:05, 4:10, 7:15, 9:30
I Still Know What You Did Last Summer (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Psycho (R) 1:30, 4:05, 7:05, 9:35
Meet Joe Black (PG-13) 1:10, 4:40, 8:10
Living Out Loud (R) 2:30, 5:05, 8:00
Jack Frost (PG) 1:20, 5:50, 8:30
Jack Frost (PG) 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
Babe (G) 2:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:20

SHOWCASE 12
EDWARDSVILLE
6633 Center Grove Rd., 559-7489
Star Trek (PG) 1:10, 3:50, 7:00, 9:40
Star Trek (PG) 1:20, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
Psycho (R) 1:20, 5:15, 7:50, 10:00
Enemy Of The State (R) 1:40, 5:30, 8:10
The Rugrats Movie (G) 2:20, 4:30, 6:30, 8:50
The Waterboy (PG-13) 2:50, 5:10, 8:00
You've Got Mail (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30
You've Got Mail (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
A Bug's Life (G) 2:30, 5:40, 7:15, 9:20
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Watch Sunday's Journal for more tips from the experts at Frank's!

Today's Food

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Wise Ways

Dunk into dip

for easy entertaining

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Food & Nutrition

Hearty-Bites

Give holiday pleasure to a sweet tooth without cracking off more than it should chew.

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Blue Ribbon Cook

Green vegetables peek out from rosy ham, while Tomato Basil Salad sits colorfully on a winning post-shopping lunch menu.

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Test Run

Snack-grabbing is the norm for holiday schedules. Testers give new ideas a try.

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Micro Raves

Keep eggs as part of the holiday breakfast menu.

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Lively Taste

A pot of chili tucked away in the refrigerator encourages people to eat something nourishing between the snacks that inevitably come into the house. For a quick mix, brown 8 ounces ground beef or turkey breast with 2 cups chopped onion, 1 cup chopped green bell pepper and 2 cloves garlic, minced. Drain, if necessary. Stir in 3 cans (15 ounces each) pinto or red beans, 1 can (4 ounces) green chiles (rinsed, seeded and chopped), 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste and 1/4 teaspoon chili powder. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer, stirring occasionally, 30 minutes. Serve over cooked spaghetti or top with chopped onion and oyster crackers.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

Staying up late to watch for Santa Claus isn't the only reason to be sleepy.

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Fresh Picks

Traveling to grandmother's house? The horse might know the way to carry the sleigh, but a smart packer also takes along fresh grapes, oranges, apples and pears for snacks along the road. Bags of dried fruit add to the variety, so try bananas, cranberries, raisins and pineapple, too. Take extra sandwich bags for peels, cores and stems that accumulate.

Big Fat Tip

Leftover meat can be as light as when it first was prepared without fatty accompaniments. Top sliced turkey with a small amount of barbecue sauce on a kaiser roll or layer it with fat-free cream cheese, cranberry sauce and sprouts on a favorite bread. Mix diced turkey with chopped celery or cucumbers with fat-free cucumber ranch dressing and stuff into a pita pocket. For Oriental flavor, mix turkey with shredded cabbage seasoned with rice vinegar.

Future Shop

Useful packaging will be a goal of 1999 marketing. More foods will be available in self-standing bags with tops that fold down for reclosing. Foods also will be packed with utensils for on-the-spot eating.

Wrap It Up



By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Awash in the colors of the season, cranberries shimmer in molds, red cherries tie the bow on cornflake wreaths, cookies and oranges become the buried gold of old-fashioned stocking stuffers. Last-minute reminders insist on an extra present or two to thank other people for their graciousness the rest of the year.

A container that peeks through clear plastic wrap is as much fun as the

Napoleons are filled with sandwich-like ingredients, above, while seafood and fresh vegetables embellish pasta with Alfredo sauce.

present. In spite of the late hour, containers for gifts of pasta and sauce, video and popcorn, stationery and postage stamps, fuzzy slippers and herbal tea, bubbles and a jump rope abound. Of course, mugs hold apple cider mixes and baskets deliver

kitchen towels, but the fun comes

with new combinations. A small ice chest can hold bottles of flavored coffees, a beach bag can keep a video of Titanic submerged until it is opened and a child's truck can roll with a coloring book about trucks or a subscription to Hot Rod magazine. A jewelry box can hold a collection of rock look-alikes that are really candy. A tackle box is perfect for gift certificates to use at a seafood restaurant.

As the holidays of Christmas and New Year's arrive, it is time to skip the superfluous, dim the lights and concentrate on events and experiences that give meaning to the times.

When it comes to party food, maximize efficiency for best effects. It could be time to skip the beef tenderloin and opt for easy, economical, flavorful pasta. Mini!

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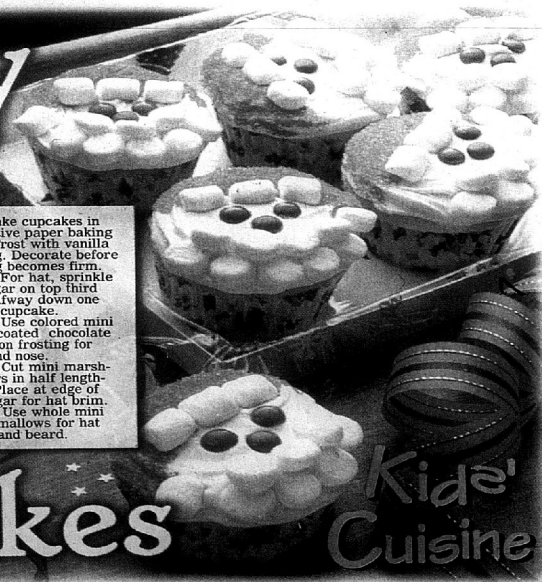
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SALE

Cupcakes

Bake cupcakes in decorative paper baking cups. Frost with vanilla frosting. Decorate before frosting becomes firm.

1. For hat, sprinkle red sugar on top third and halfway down one side of cupcake.
2. Use colored mini candy-coated chocolate pieces on frosting for eyes and nose.
3. Cut mini marshmallows in half lengthwise. Place at edge of red sugar for hat brim.
4. Use whole mini marshmallows for hat tassel and beard.



Kids' Cuisine

Today's Food

Guide sews up quilting basics

When you hear the word quilting, do you picture a kindly old grandmother meticulously hand-stitching an heirloom quilt by firelight?

Although that is a cozy and inviting image, the quilting world has changed a lot in the past few years. Today's quilters have the talent, but not the time, to create their masterpieces by hand.

Fortunately, there is a quick and easy solution to this problem: machine quilting. With a few tools, techniques and practice, beautiful quilts can be created without a large investment of time. It's easy to get started with the help of a full-color, 44-page guidebook, *Beginner's Guide to Machine Quilting*.

The book contains everything necessary to know how to begin quilting today, including information on supplies, getting started, different quilting techniques, quilting order and taking care of finished quilts. As a bonus, full-size patterns will help with reproducing the designs used in the book's sample quilts.

These quick and cozy quilts make welcome gifts, as well as lovely accents for the home. The amazing part is how quick results can be achieved. This can be a rewarding project to start in 1999.



Handmade quilts warm the body and the spirit.

The *Beginner's Guide to Machine Quilting*, No. AN4121, is \$10.95. Thirteen other quick and beautiful quilting projects are provided in a second 45-page guidebook, called *Strip Quilts in a Hurry*, No. AN4153, also available for

\$10.95.

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Lack of ZZZ's means no zest

By Rebecca Coley
Correspondent

Do you get a restless night's sleep? Do you wake up feeling tired and feel that way throughout the day? Is it difficult to concentrate throughout the day? Do you get irritable with friends and co-workers?

If so, you may want to consider the lack of a good night's sleep the source of the problem.

A physician can evaluate the symptoms and determine the best course of treatment. Common causes of sleep problems should be considered first.

Drinking caffeine too close to bedtime, medications, chronic painful medical conditions or stress are common causes of poor sleep. Some patients also suffer from sleep apnea, a condition where breathing is interrupted several times during the night.

It helps to be prepared before the appointment.

In a sleep diary, record feelings or symptoms experienced each day for at least 10 days. Note how often and when they occur and what you tried that makes them better or worse.

If you have a bed part-

ner, ask that person for observations about your sleep patterns.

This information can be extremely helpful to a physician.

Some natural remedies, such as melatonin, may work, but caution is warranted because many are not tested as rigorously as drug products. While regular exercise is recommended, it should not be done right before bedtime. Alcohol, caffeine and nicotine right before bedtime may make it harder to get to sleep. Day naps can take up valuable night sleep time.

Going to sleep and waking at the same times of day helps the body establish a pattern it is comfortable with.

For more information on sleep, call toll-free 1-800-shuteye.

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Party-goers, those with time to kill enjoy snacks

Ask the parents of any college student how for the month between semesters how much extra food is consumed. It doesn't take a large gathering of people to need snacks.

TEST RUN

In an attempt to help people move onto a more creative spot in the supermarket, Test Run gathered some modern nibbling foods at Dierbergs. Most selections are available at other supermarkets at varying prices.

SnackWell's peanut butter chip bite-size cookies (\$2.39), Gardetto's barbecue-flavored snacks (\$2.49), Cheez-It's reduced-fat party mix (\$2.29), Smucker's strawberry goober peanut butter (\$2.69), Mariani mango-flavored tropitango (\$1.99), Goldfish toasted wheat baked crackers (\$1.99) and Town House reduced-fat crackers (\$2.50, Schnuck Markets) were open for tasting.

Unequivocally the SnackWell's cookies turned into a favorite — almost to a fault for some tasters.

The SnackWell bite-size cookies with the light chocolate-peanut butter flavor and their crisp, tender, flaky goodness would be a snack I could find it easy to overindulge in, a taster said.

If opposite responses mean the product scored in broad appeal, it is a winner. One tasted lots of peanut butter but hardly any chocolate, while another thought the chocolate flavor was outstanding.

It's amazing to me that something so small could taste so rich and chocolaty. One really needs a tall glass of milk when sitting down with a box of these little gems, he said.

Another said she would

buy them.

They are slightly sweet, have actual chocolate flavor and are crunchy, as opposed to dry and hard, like so many low-fat cookies, she said.

Gardetto's snacks also drew favorable comments. It's easy to scoop up a handful. It has nice textures in the mouth and gives a tangy flavor which was blended into the mix, a taster responded.

Another's expressed a positive experience. I really liked the Gardetto's party mix. I hadn't heard of the brand and was surprised at how much I enjoyed its taste, he said.

To another taster, they were crunchy, garlicky and good.

One testers said he didn't like the air in the cracker portion, which he attributed to just something I don't like about light fare.

The Goldfish had the traditional shape, but a new color and flavor over the original. One tester missed some of the original attributes.

I loved Goldfish as a kid, but it seems like the new version is a little over-baked and not salty enough. Also, it seems to me the fish are a little smaller. But they're still crunchy, she said.

Another liked the mild wheat flour and idea that, according to the package, she could get hooked on 41 goldfish for only 7 grams of fat. I like a snack that fills me up and gives me fiber (2 grams), too.

A taster got around to tasting the Cheez-It party mix the day after it was opened.

Even after sitting overnight the Cheez-It was still crunchy. Each snack was well flavored with herbs and spices, not overly oily or greasy as some,

she said.

Others would have preferred leaving the fat in because they felt it lacked zing.

The strawberry peanut butter product was new to some people. The original product offers grape jelly instead of strawberry. One missed the seeds in strawberry jam, because the product uses jelly.

The peanut butter was smooth with just enough strawberry to flavor it on a plain cracker, one taster said.

Another thought the alternating stripes were cute and would probably tempt kids and moms into buying it, but she was less positive about the ease of getting the product out of the jar.

Her opinion was shared by a tester who said the clever design of the product was demolished after a few dips.

Most agreed with one who said, "I'd just stick with good old creamy Jif and Smucker's grape jelly."

The Town House crackers came into the critical mix as a base for the goober product. Both sides responded.

One said, "The 50 percent less fat oval crackers are great. They even may taste a little less 'oily,' which is even better with me, while another would opt for the full-fat flavor of the original crackers."

Tropitango was sweetened dried pineapple with mango flavor. Its main backer described it as ultra-sweet with a more solid texture than many dried fruits.

She would find it hard to resist it as a week-long bag of afternoon snacks.

She suggested most people would enjoy it as an ingredient in a mix with nuts and raisins, where other flavors and saltiness would average out its sweetness.

Jump

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sandwiches serve full-fledged flavor in grab-and-eat style.

Incorporating vegetables into appetizers adds colorful zest to the table, too. Spinach dip served with crackers or French bread is classic. Add seafood to it.

In a medium bowl, blend together 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese at room temperature and 1/2 cup mayonnaise until smooth. Stir in 1 package (8 ounces) surimi (imita-

tion crab) seafood, 1/2 cup chopped, roasted red pepper or pimiento, 3/4 cup (3 ounces) shredded pepper Jack cheese, 3/4 cup grated parmesan cheese, package (10 ounces) frozen spinach (thawed and well drained), 1/2 cup chopped onion and, if desired, 2 to 3 teaspoons chopped pickled jalapeno.

Place the mixture in a glass pie plate. Bake in a preheated 375 degree oven 15 to 18 minutes until heated through and lightly browned.

More mushroom

SEAFOOD ALFREDO PASTA PRIMAVERA

3 cups uncooked penne pasta
1 pkg. (8 oz.) surimi (imitation crab or lobster)

1 tsp. olive oil
1 cup diced zucchini
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
1 tsp. chopped garlic
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 jar (16 oz.) alfredo sauce
1 tsp. leaf basil
1-1/2 tsp. lemon juice

Cook pasta according to package directions. Heat oil in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add zucchini, mushrooms and bell pepper. Stir 1 to 2 minutes. Add garlic, then wine. Stir in alfredo sauce, surimi, basil and lemon juice. Cook until heated through.

Serve alfredo sauce over cooked pasta.

STUFFED MUSHROOM CAPS

8 oz. white or brown mushrooms
8 oz. lean pork sausage, casing removed
2 tsp. margarine or butter
1 yellow onion, chopped
2 tsp. chopped fresh or 2 tsp. dried oregano
2 tsp. chopped fresh or 2 tsp. dried parsley
1/2 cup (about 4 oz.) ricotta cheese
2 eggs
1/2 cup bread crumbs
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Remove and discard mushroom stems. Heat margarine in medium skillet over medium heat. Cook mushrooms about 5 minutes until tender. Place mushrooms top-side down in shallow baking pan.

In same skillet, cook sausage over medium-high heat until browned, stirring often to separate meat. Pour off fat.

In food processor or blender, process sausage, onion, oregano, parsley, ricotta, eggs, bread crumbs, salt, pepper and parmesan cheese until smooth. Spoon into mushroom caps.

Bake in preheated oven 10 minutes or until hot.

recipes are available at the Monterey mushrooms web site www.montereymush.com. A selection of surimi recipes are available at www.louisikemp.com.

A web site with more puff pastry recipes from Pepperidge Farm is www.puffpastry.com. They also are available by calling 1-800-762-8301.

PORTOBELLA MUSHROOM NAPOLEONS

1/2 pkg. (17-1/4 oz. size) frozen puff pastry sheets (1 sheet)
2 tsp. margarine
8 oz. small portobella mushrooms
3 tsp. chopped fresh basil
2 medium tomatoes, thinly sliced, cut in half
9 slices dell provolone cheese, cut in half

Thaw pastry sheet at room temperature 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Remove stems from mushrooms; use only if necessary on inner portion of layers. Slice caps 1/2-inch thick.

Unfold pastry on lightly floured surface. Cut into 3 strips along fold marks. Cut each strip into 6 rectangles. Place 2 inches apart on baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven 15 minutes or until golden.

Remove from baking sheet. Cool on wire rack. Heat margarine in skillet over medium heat. Cook mushrooms about 5 minutes until tender. Stir in basil.

Split pastries in 2 layers, making 36 in all. Place bottom layers on baking sheet. Loosely roll cheese. Divide tomatoes, mushrooms and cheese over bottom layers. Top with remaining top layers.

Bake in preheated 400 degree oven 5 minutes until cheese is melted. Note: Pastry can be baked, cooled and split ahead. Store layers in airtight container up to 24 hours.

Simplify Christmas morn

By Sandra Hounsom
Correspondent

The Christmas celebration is at hand. The tree is up with packages under it. The hours are full, but breakfast on Christmas day doesn't have to be hectic for the cook. If little ones are in the house or extra people are around to feed, let a microwave oven help take the fuss out of breakfast.

MICRO RAVES

Ralph Waldo Emerson

said, "There is always a best way of doing everything, if it be to boil an egg."

Now a microwave oven can overcook eggs easily, because the protein in the yolks attracts microwave energy, so it cooks faster than the white. Cooking them on high or full power can turn them into a rubber ball, but medium (50 percent) power works much better.

Scrambled eggs probably turn out the best of any microwave-cooked egg dish, because the white and yolk are mingled.

Poached eggs also are easy to make in minutes. Combine ¼ cup water and 1 teaspoon vinegar in a small custard cup. Cover. Microwave on high power 1 minute.

Crack 1 egg into the cup. Pierce the yolk, using a fork, to let steam escape while cooking. Completely cover the egg with water. Cover again and microwave on medium (50 percent) power 1½ minutes.

For a soft yolk, remove egg from the oven before the white is cooked completely. The white continues to cook during a brief standing time.

Eggs in the shell should not be microwaved, because they explode from built-up steam inside the shell.

To ensure a less-than-heckle Christmas morning meal, pre-plan a little. An overnight casserole will greatly simplify breakfast. Add juice and crisp bacon.

To cook bacon in a microwave, layer paper towels on a microwave-safe plate or platter, using 5 or 6 towels for 6 slices bacon. Place bacon in a single layer on paper towels. Cover with 1 paper towel. Microwave on high power 5 to 6 minutes (allow 1 minute for each slice of bacon).

Home economist Sandra Hounsom specializes in microwave cooking.

FRENCH TOAST

- 4 slices bread, cubed
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese, cubed
- 1 cup blueberries
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tsp. honey or maple-flavored syrup
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp. cornstarch
- ½ cup water
- 2 tsp. butter or margarine

Coat 9-inch glass pan with nonstick cooking spray. Place bread cubes in pan. Top with cream cheese and ½ cup blueberries.

In small bowl, combine eggs, milk and honey. Pour over bread mixture. Refrigerate, covered, overnight.

For sauce, combine sugar, cornstarch and water in medium bowl. Microwave on high power 1½ to 2 minutes, stirring to dissolve sugar. Cook 1 to 2 minutes longer until thick and smooth.

Stir in blueberries and butter. Microwave on high 1 minute. Stir to distribute heat thoroughly.

Microwave on medium-high (70 percent) power 15 to 17 minutes, rotating dish twice. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting.

Holiday desserts are as easy as tasty pie

Many cooks and would-be cooks successfully juggle creativity with maintaining family traditions. When it comes to dessert, everyone loves cookies and creamy mousses and asks Grandma to make her time-honored pumpkin pie. Duplicating them is another matter.

The challenge is to bend holiday traditions and fit them onto a new page in the family recipe book.



The road to holiday sweets can be paved in luscious light flavors of Cookies 'n' Cream Pie.

WALNUT PUMPKIN PIE

- 1 (6 oz.) graham cracker pie crust
- 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
- 1 egg
- 1¼ tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. ground ginger
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 tsp. flour
- 2 tsp. cold margarine
- ¾ cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 425°.

Combine pumpkin, sweetened condensed milk, egg, ¾ teaspoon cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and salt. Mix well. Pour into crust.

Bake in preheated oven 15 minutes. Remove pie. Reduce heat to 350°. Combine brown sugar, flour.

BLUEBERRY

Recipe

WALNUT CRUNCH BREAD

- 2 cups flour
- ¾ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder

- ¼ tsp. salt
- ½ cup butter
- ¾ cup chopped walnuts
- ¼ tsp. cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- ¾ cup eggnog
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter and flour 9-by-5-inch loaf pan well.

In large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Place ½ cup mixture in small bowl. Stir in nuts, cinnamon and nutmeg. Combine remaining dry mixture with eggs, eggnog and vanilla. Stir until well blended.

Pour one-third batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle with one-third crumb mixture. Repeat twice.

Bake in preheated oven 60 to 65 minutes until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Let cool in pan 15 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack.

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WALNUT CRUNCH BREAD

2 cups flour
¾ cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 tsp. baking powder

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1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
1 egg
1¼ tsp. cinnamon
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½ tsp. salt
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Today's Food

Seasonal fruit punch cheers on well-wishers

By Melanie Polk
Correspondent

Need some healthy holiday spirit? Celebrate the season with a clear head. Opt for festive, tasty alternatives to alcoholic drinks. Not only do they skip all the negative health consequences of

GOOD FOOD GOOD HEALTH

alcohol, but they use fruit and vegetables in liquid concoctions, so they give a plus to everyday eating. Cranberries are loaded with vitamin C and provide the perfect color for holiday drinks. Make cranberry wassail in a slow cooker. Combine 2 cups cranberry juice cocktail, 2 quarts apple cider, 1/2 cup sugar, an orange studded with whole cloves, and two (3-inch) cinnamon sticks. Simmer on low several hours before serving.

Tea is making headlines as a source of healthy substances that may help fight cancer.

Make hot spiced tea by bringing 2 1/2 cups water to a boil in a pan, then add 2 cardamom pods, 2 whole cloves and 1 cinnamon stick. Add 2 tea bags of black tea (such as

Darjeeling or Assam) and simmer 5 minutes. Add 3 tablespoons skim milk. Bring back to boil, then strain and serve.

For tea-based punch, combine 2 cups extra-strong, chilled tea with 1 quart apple cider and 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice in a punch bowl. Just before serving, add ice cubes and 1 quart cold ginger ale. Top with wafer-thin slices of lemon.

Tomato juice is another bright beverage basic. Combine 1 cup tomato juice with 2 cups bottled clam juice and 1/2 teaspoon curry powder. Whirl in a blender 1 minute before serving over crushed ice. For a thicker brew with a fresh tomato base, blend 2 tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped, with 1/2 cup plain low-fat yogurt, a dash of pepper sauce, 1/2

teaspoon sugar and freshly ground black pepper in a blender. Serve garnished with a lemon wedge.

This simple, delicious mixture can be whipped up in 10 minutes, leaving the host free to attend to other duties, like visiting with guests.

For a free fact sheet on alcohol and cancer risk, send a self-addressed,

stamped, business-size envelope to: American Institute for Cancer Research, Department FSA, P.O. Box 97167, Washington, D.C. 20090-7167. Registered dietitian Melanie Polk is director of nutrition education for the American Institute for Cancer Research in Washington, D.C.

ORANGE-CRANBERRY FIZZ

- 2 cups orange juice
- 1 qt. cranberry-raspberry juice blend, chilled
- 2 cups ginger ale, chilled
- 2 cups lemon-lime seltzer, chilled
- Orange and lime slices and cranberries for garnish

In large pitcher (about 3 quarts), mix orange and cranberry-raspberry juices and ginger ale. Refrigerate.

Just before serving, stir in seltzer. Garnish with orange, lime and cranberries. Makes ten (1-cup) servings, 107 calories and no fat each.

Arrange 2 circles on ungreased baking sheet about 1 inch apart. Spoon half the berries on each circle, leaving about 1 inch around edge. Cover with remaining two circles. Pinch around edges to seal berries inside. Score top of each round in quarters, using knife. Brush with the reserved egg white and sprinkle with coarse sugar. Bake in preheated oven 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm. Makes 8 scones.

BLACKBERRY CREAM SCONES

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 2 eggs, beaten (reserving 1 tsp. egg white)
- 1/3 cup whipping cream
- 2 tsp. coarse sugar
- 1 can (15 oz.) blackberries, well drained

Preheat oven to 400°. In large bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, sugar and salt until thoroughly blended. Using pastry blender or 2 knives, cut in butter until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Stir in eggs and cream to make stiff dough.

Turn out on lightly floured board. Knead lightly until dough sticks together.

Divide into four parts. Roll each part into circle 6 inches in diameter and 1/4-inch thick.

Recipe

APPLE STREUSEL BREAD

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups shredded apple
- 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup plus 1 tbsp. chopped walnuts
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup oil
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup applesauce
- 2 tsp. brown sugar

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 9-by-5-inch loaf pan.

In large bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Stir in apple, cheese and 1/2 cup walnuts.

In separate bowl, beat together honey, oil, eggs and applesauce. Add to flour mixture. Beat until ingredients are just moistened.

Combine brown sugar with remaining 1 tablespoon walnuts and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon. Fill prepared pan with dough.

Sprinkle brown sugar mixture on top.

Bake in preheated oven 50 to 60 minutes. Let loaf cool completely before slicing.

Muffin Variation: Preheat oven to 375°. Fill greased (bottom only) muffin pans or paper-lined muffin cups three-fourths full. Sprinkle streusel topping on muffin batter. Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes.



Fruity punch refreshes a party with upbeat cheer.

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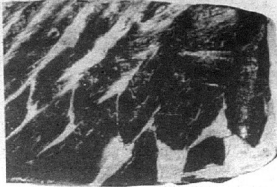
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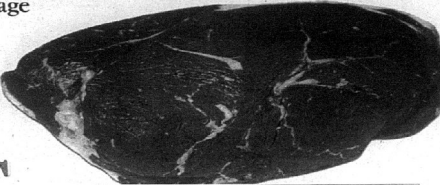
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Today's Food

Vegetables: warm-up act as life of the dinner party during lively holidays

While visions of sugarplums dance in other people's heads, the kitchen chef must work magic with the vegetables for tonight's dinner. Baking them at the same time as meatloaf, tuna casserole or ham in the oven puts dinner on the table without fuss.

Whether cooking for a large crowd or just the family, vegetable packets can be made to serve any number of guests. Just wrap up vegetables and seasonings in regular or extra-wide heavy-duty aluminum foil and the veggies maintain their finest attributes while cooking to tenderness.

To save time and spare last-minute juggling, packets can be prepared the night before cooking and stored in the refrigerator. If the main dish takes up too much space, the packets can be moved to a covered grill and cooked in about half the time.

These recipes come from a free brochure, "Vegetable Packet Cooking with No Clean-Up." To receive all the recipes on 3-by-5-inch recipe cards, call toll-free 1-800-745-4000 or request it on the Reynolds Kitchens web site www.reynoldskitchens.com.

EASY BROCCOLI

- 3 cups broccoli florets
1/2 cup regular or fat-free Italian salad dressing

Preheat oven to 450°. Center broccoli on sheet of 18-by-24-inch heavy-duty aluminum foil. Drizzle with dressing. Bring up sides of foil and double-fold. Double-fold ends to form packet, leaving room inside for heat circulation.

Bake on cookie sheet in preheated oven 12 to 15 minutes.

Makes 4 servings.

PACKET POTATOES

- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
4 medium red potatoes, cut in bite-size pieces
2 tbsp. olive or vegetable oil
1 tsp. seasoned salt
1/2 tsp. dill weed, if desired
1/4 tsp. pepper

Preheat oven to 450°. Coat 18-by-24-inch sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil with nonstick cooking spray. Center onion on foil. Layer potatoes evenly on top. Drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with seasoned salt, dill and pepper. Bring up sides of foil and double-fold.

Double-fold ends to form packet, leaving room inside for heat circulation.

Bake on cookie sheet in preheated oven 30 to 35 minutes.

Makes 4 servings.

ORIENTAL VEGETABLE PACKET

- 2 cups broccoli florets
2 cups snow peas
1 medium onion, sliced
1 medium red bell pepper, cut in strips
2 tbsp. soy sauce
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. vegetable or sesame oil
1/2 tsp. minced ginger root, if desired
1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes, if desired

Preheat oven to 450°. Center broccoli, snow peas, onion and red pepper on 18-by-24-inch sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Top with soy sauce, garlic and oil. Sprinkle with ginger and red pepper. Bring up sides of foil and double-fold. Double-fold ends to form packet, leaving room inside for heat circulation.

Bake on cookie sheet in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Lunch combination colored for holiday

Vita Pfeiffer, O'Fallon, Mo., wins this week's recipe contest for Hot Ham Rolls with Basil Tomato Salad. Her prize is dinner certificates at the Pasta House Co.

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Red and green colors

make this visually attractive for the holidays. She started making the ham rolls with asparagus, then branched into green beans. The salad is an Italian family favorite passed down through four generations.

She prefers using garlic pepper from Olde Town Spice Shop in St. Charles. She uses the ingredient in both parts of her recipe. Rolls are added to complete the meal.

This month's contest is for dishes that use ham. Soups, appetizers, brunch and main dishes are among its favorite uses. A single recipe should be postmarked by Dec. 31 and

sent to: Ham Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis 63131. It also can be e-mailed to westnews@primary.net.

Each Wednesday in January a winner will be chosen on the basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original. That means there will be four winners.

As usual, the history of the recipe will be considered part of the entry. If possible, name the recipe's source.

For each serving, stack ham on cookie sheet. Lay green beans in same direction lengthwise on ham. Wrap ham over beans. Secure with toothpick. Lay cheese on top through toothpicks.

Place in preheated oven just long enough to melt cheese and seal roll. Do not overheat.

Makes 1 serving.

TOMATO BASIL SALAD

- 2 medium tomatoes, cut in small bite-size pieces
1/2 small onion, cut in small pieces
3 ribs celery, cut in small pieces

About 1 tsp. chopped fresh basil
Salt and garlic pepper
1/4 cup oil

Combine tomato, onion and celery. Add salt, garlic pepper and basil to taste.

HOT HAM ROLLS

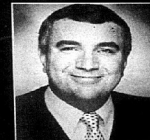
- 4 thin slices smoked ham, sliced
10 to 12 fresh green beans or thin asparagus stalks, cooked

Garlic pepper and salt
1 slice mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 300°.



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Dips into Christmas

By Mary Schroepfer Correspondent

Whether it is a moment of gath'ring, caroling, shopping, practice, or a few relaxation watchin' game, no-cook food is busy schedule.

WISE WAYS

of cookies and crackers, a non-sweet alter reach for low-fat. Dips team nice baked tortilla chips, pretzels, Melba rounds or whole crackers. Use low cottage cheese, cream or low-fat cheese as a base. favorite dips to l calories under 100. Here are easy mix:

- Season one can nonfat sour cream package dry ranch dressing. Serve with vegetables, like carrots, broccoli, pepper strips, mushrooms, raw jicama strips.
- Pair a carton of lemon yogurt

Recipe

CRAN-APPLE CHEESE

- 1 1/2 cups ginger snaps
1/4 cup finely chd

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Today's Food

Dips make an easy plunge into opportune entertaining

By Mary Schroepfer
Correspondent

Whether it is the spur of the moment gathering after caroling, shopping or choir practice, or a few hours of relaxation watching a bowl game, no-cook foods fit a busy schedule.

WISE WAYS

Most guests are tired of cookies and cookies. For a non-sweet alternative, reach for low-fat dips. Dips team nicely with baked tortilla chips, pretzels, Melba toast rounds or whole grain crackers. Use low-fat cottage cheese, nonfat sour cream or low-fat cream cheese as a base for favorite dips to keep fat calories under control. Here are easy matches to mix:

- Season one carton nonfat sour cream with 1 package dry ranch dressing. Serve a selection of vegetables, like pre-cut, ready-to-serve baby carrots, broccoli, bell pepper strips, cauliflower, mushrooms, raw turnip or jicama strips.
- Pair a carton of vanilla or lemon yogurt with sliced

apple and pear, orange sections, grape bunches or kiwifruit wedges. Provide frilly or regular toothpicks for handling the juicy fruit.

• Serve a hot spinach dip with Melba toast or mini rye bread. In a microwave oven, melt together 1 package (8 ounces) low-fat cream cheese, ½ cup milk, 2 tablespoons margarine, 2 teaspoons instant chicken bouillon, 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg and 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Stir until smooth. Stir in 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed in the microwave and well drained (squeeze it with the back of a spatula in a sieve). Continue to warm the mixture until it is heated through.

This easy avocado dip, which goes together in minutes, adds holiday color to any party table. The richness of the avocado is cut with low-fat cottage cheese.

Home economist Mary Schroepfer is nutrition specialist with University Extension (University of Missouri system) in Franklin County.

GUACAMOLE WITH CHIPS AND VEGGIES

- 1 medium-size ripe avocado
 - 1 cup low-fat cottage cheese
 - 1 tsp. lime or lemon juice
 - 1 tsp. chopped chives
 - 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes, if desired
 - 1 pkg. (8 oz.) baked tortilla chips
 - 1 pkg. (1 lb.) raw vegetables for dipping
- Put avocado in half; remove seed and peel. Chop avocado. Place in blender with cottage cheese, lime juice, chives and red pepper. Blend until smooth. Pour dip into glass or ceramic serving bowl. Refrigerate, covered, 2 hours or until serving time. Serve dip with veggies and chips. If desired, heat chips in microwave until warm.

Note: If omitting red pepper flakes, season with 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder. Yields about 2 cups dip, 8 servings; 169 calories, 7 g fat, 88 mg calcium and 627 mg potassium each for dip alone.

End meal with cake that outsmarts seasonal pounds

By Erica Sachs
Correspondent

Spending special time with friends and family this time of year usually ends up in a few times to "pig out," making dieting during the holidays a disaster.

HEART-Y BITES

Many like to indulge and fill plates with the tempting tastes of the season — turkey and dressing, eggnog, pumpkin pie, cakes and chocolates. It is no wonder nutritionists estimate millions of Americans gain 5 to 10 pounds between Thanksgiving and the New Year's celebration.

This recipe for Applesauce Oatmeal Coffee Cake gives smart people a foothold in the holiday yuletide without losing sight of goals to eat smart.

If it is made with yolk-free egg product, minimal canola oil and skim milk to help cut calories and fat. A rule of thumb is to replace an egg in a recipe with 1/4 cup yolk-free egg product. Canola oil is a smarter choice than other baking oils because it is lowest in saturated fat.

Skim milk has 7 fewer grams fat and 60 calories less per cup than whole milk. Finally, using applesauce adds moistness and flavor to this coffeecake without additional fat.

The same technique of substitutions can work with other cake and quick bread recipes, too. Start by replacing about one-third of the fat. If that is acceptable, switch ingredients further the next time a recipe is used.

Registered dietitian Erica Sachs is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

APPLESAUCE OATMEAL COFFEECAKE

- 3 cups uncooked oats (quick or old-fashioned)
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 1/2 cups unbleached flour
- 3/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. allspice
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda

- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 cups unsweetened applesauce
- 1 cup skim milk
- 6 tbs. canola oil
- 1/2 cup yolk-free egg product (equals 2 eggs)
- 2 tbs. firmly packed brown sugar

Preheat oven to 375°. Coat 13-by-9-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, combine oats, whole wheat and unbleached flour, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, allspice, baking powder, baking soda and 1 cup brown sugar.

In medium bowl, stir together applesauce, milk, oil and egg product. Add to dry ingredients. Stir until just moistened.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle with combined 2 tablespoons brown sugar and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon. Bake in preheated oven 35 to 40 minutes until golden brown.

Yields 24 servings; 170 calories, 4 g fat (0.5 g saturated), no cholesterol and 109 mg sodium each.

Recipe

CRAN-APPLE CHEESE BARS

- 1 1/2 cups gingersnap crumbs
- 1/4 cup finely chopped

- pecans
- 6 tbs. butter, melted
- 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 carton (8 oz.) low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 4 tsp. grated orange peel
- 1 tsp. vanilla

- 2 cups coarsely chopped, fresh or frozen cranberries
 - 1 cup chopped tart green apple
 - 3/4 cup fresh orange juice
 - 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
 - 2 tsp. cornstarch
- Preheat oven to 350°.

Butter 13-by-9-inch baking dish or pan. Combine crumbs, pecans and butter. Press onto bottom of prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 8 to 10 minutes until golden. Cool on wire rack. Reduce oven temperature to 325°.

In large bowl, beat cream cheese until light and fluffy. Beat in 1/2 cup sugar until well combined. Beat in eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Beat in yogurt, 2 teaspoons orange peel and vanilla. Pour onto cooled crust.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes until center of filling is just set. Cool completely on wire rack. For topping, heat cranberries, apple, 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup orange juice, 2 teaspoons orange peel and cinnamon in large saucepan, stirring often.

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 - 1 cup chopped onion
 - 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
 - 1/2 cup flour
 - 2 cloves garlic, crushed
 - 1 can (28 oz.) tomatoes
 - 2 cups chicken broth or water
 - 1/2 tsp. cracked red pepper
 - 1/2 tsp. thyme
 - 1 bay leaf
 - 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen sliced okra
 - 1/2 pt. oysters
 - 24 oz. surimi (imitation crab) seafood, chunk or flake style (or real crabmeat, shrimp, crawfish or lobster)
- Preheat oven to 350°. Bake chicken in single layer in shallow baking pan in preheated oven 45 to 50 minutes until juices run clear when pierced at thickest part. Heat oil in bottom of large Dutch oven or

flame-proof casserole dish. Cook onion and green pepper over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally, 10 minutes or until onion is translucent. Stir in flour. Reduce heat to low. Cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add garlic, then tomatoes, chicken broth, red pepper, thyme and bay leaf. Cook and stir until slightly thickened. Cook, covered, over very low heat 30 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Add chicken with pan juices and okra. Bring again to simmer. Cook 15 to 20 minutes longer. If desired, mixture can be refrigerated at this point and finished later. Stir seafood, oysters and parsley into simmering gumbo. Heat 5 to 10 minutes until seafood is hot and oysters begin to curl. Serve gumbo over rice in soup bowls. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Recipe

SAUSAGE STUFFING

- 8 oz. regular or sage-seasoned pork sausage
 - 1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine or butter, softened
 - 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
 - 1 cup chopped celery
 - 4 cups dry bread cubes
 - 1 pkg. (7 oz.) cornbread stuffing mix, baked according to package directions, or 1 pan (8 inch) cornbread, cooled, crumbled
 - 1 1/2 cups toasted pecans, broken
 - 1 egg, beaten
 - 1 tsp. instant chicken bouillon
 - 1 tsp. poultry seasoning
 - 1/4 tsp. pepper
- Preheat oven to 325°. In large skillet, brown and crumble sausage. Remove from skillet. Drain. In same skillet, melt margarine. Cook onion and celery until tender. In large bowl, combine sausage mixture. Immediately before roasting, stuff 12-pound turkey loosely with stuffing. Roast turkey as directed on wrapper into greased baking dish and bake in preheated oven 45 minutes.

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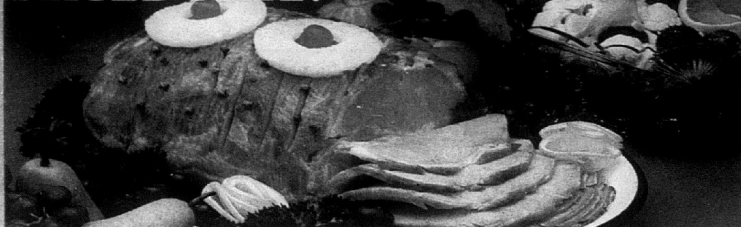
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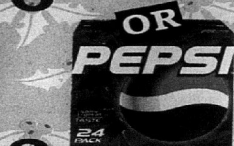
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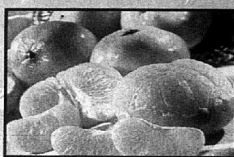
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For trips punctuated by Are we there yet? being repeated with the punishing regularity of dripping water, the Premiere is like a Get Out of Jail Free

card. Up front, Mom and Dad can listen to a CD or the radio, while kids in the back can slip on their headphones, watch a movie or hook up their favorite video game. A hand-held remote gives them control over the front-mounted VCR.

While after-market TV/VCR units are available for minivans and sport-utility vehicles, most lack the Premiere's slick installation that takes up a minimum of room and plays through the vehicle's built-in audio system. This is not a stand-alone option. It is a complete package fitted to the top-line Silhouette GLS and also includes the touring suspension, rear-mounted air inflator, leather seats and dual sliding doors (power on the right side).

Aside from my test drive, I rode in the back seat of a Premiere Edition earlier this fall as Oldsmobile executives demonstrated the system. Both times I was impressed with the clarity of the picture, even though the LCD screen is only about 6 inches. The audio quality was first-rate, and each rear-seat passenger can adjust his or her own volume. Folding down the screen causes only a minor intrusion on rear vision, which is not much of an issue because minivan drivers have to be experts with their outside mirrors anyway. When not in use, it folds flat into the ceiling.

The Silhouette GLS is an excellent vehicle on which to create the Premiere Edition. It rides on a 120-inch wheelbase, has seating for seven and is the same basic unit as the Chevrolet Venture and Pontiac Montana (formerly the Trans Sport, but renamed for 1999).

Its 3.1-liter, V-6 engine with 165 horsepower drives the front wheels through an

automatic transmission. Both horsepower and torque have been boosted for 1999, and consequently it feels a bit livelier from a stop. The extra power is particularly helpful when full of people.

The touring suspension gives a bit more road feel and keeps body sway in check, especially on the highway when carrying four or more people. Automatic load leveling is accomplished with an air suspension and a built-in inflator, the same one that has an auxiliary hose and outlet in the back for inflating bicycle tires, soccer balls or air mattresses.

In town, the turning radius is such that maneuvering in parking lots took extra concentration, but I was easily able to get in and out of spaces in one swing.

The list of standard equipment includes front and side air bags for front-seat passengers, traction control, anti-lock brakes, tilt steering wheel, keyless entry, power-operated right-side door, aluminum wheels, rear heating and cooling, and steering-wheel controls for the radio.

Our test vehicle had captain's chairs in the second row. Third-row seats can be folded forward or removed, individually, as hauling needs dictate, and they are light enough for one person to handle.

In light of the popularity of SUVs, minivans are continuing their maturation process, and specialized versions like the Premiere Edition's family room on wheels approach are just around the corner from most manufacturers.

The base price of our test vehicle was \$30,605, with all equipment standard. Add in freight and the sticker price was \$31,175.

The warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Points & Plugs Government to buy, crash new vehicles

By Rick Stoff

It sounds like a military-waste story: A news release reveals the U.S. government will purchase 63 brand-new cars and trucks so it can crash them.

These vehicles will not be turned over to teenage postal workers, but instead rammed into fixed objects in the name of science and safety.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will acquire the 1999 models for its annual New Car Assessment Program frontal and side-impact crash tests.

The vehicles selected for testing are so popular they will provide frontal-impact information on 70 percent of all the new vehicles that will be purchased during the model year and side-impact data on 80 percent of vehicles purchased. The crash fleet will include 26 automobiles, 18 sport-utility vehicles, 12 pickups and seven vans.

The frontal collision test sends each vehicle head-on into a flat, fixed barrier at 35 miles per hour. This test is equivalent to a head-on collision between two vehicles that are both traveling at 35 mph. The test assumes the striking vehicles would be of similar sizes and weights. In the real world, collisions may involve a vehicle that is heavier and taller than the other, in which case the lighter and shorter vehicle will incur the greater wrath.

Crash dummies will ride in the front seats of the cars and trucks — using available safety belts and air bags — as they strike this fixed barrier to determine the extent of head, chest and other injuries that would be suffered by human occupants.

Two crash dummies again get the call during the side-impact testing. This time both are strapped into the seats on the left side of the vehicle (the driver's seat, and if one is available, the back seat behind the driver). Then a moving, deformable barrier strikes the side of the vehicle at an angle and a speed of 35.5 mph.

Federal standards call for vehicles to handle side impacts of 33.5 mph, but NHTSA has determined the additional 5 mph makes differences between vehicles more apparent. Instruments measure chest and pelvic impacts.

For future reference, the 1999 model tests will include five Dodge products: Dakota, Durango, Grand Caravan, Intrepid and Ram. Jeeps will include Cherokee, Grand Cherokee and Wrangler.

The Lincoln Town Car and six Fords are on the list: Econoline, Windstar, F-150, Ranger, Expedition and Explorer.

Ten General Motors products will be crashed. These will be Buick Century, Pontiac Grand Am, Oldsmobile Intrigue, Saturn LS and six Chevrolets: Lumina, S-10 and Silverado extended cabs, Venture, Blazer and Tahoe.

Honda Accord, Civic and CR-V will get it, as will Hyundai Elantra, Isuzu Rodeo, Mazda 626 and Protege, Mitsubishi Galant and Nissan Altima, Pontiac Contour and Pathfinder. Sevens make the list: 4-Runner, Camry, Corolla, RAV4, Sienna, Solara and Tacoma. And finally, Volkswagen Beetle and Volvo S-80.

Two vehicles will be sacrificed to provide both frontal and side data, which the government will post on the Internet at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>.

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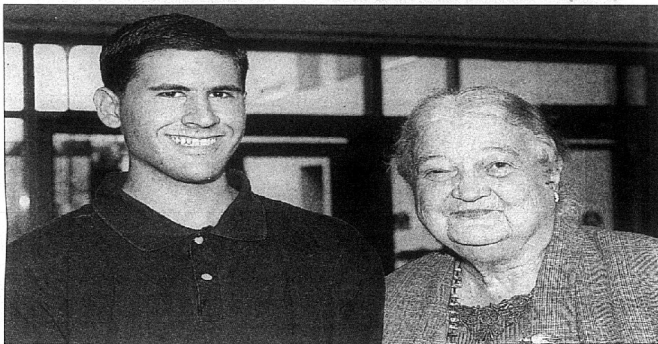
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Scholarship recipients

The Belleville Area College Foundation recently announced its 1998-99 scholarship recipients. Above left, students Monique Flager of Belleville, left, and Jeanna Shemon of Steeleville, recipients of U.S. Rep. Jerry F. Costello Scholarships, are pictured with Costello. The scholarships are awarded to residents of U.S. Congressional District 12: one from St. Clair County or Madison County and another from Monroe County or Randolph County. Recipients are returning adult

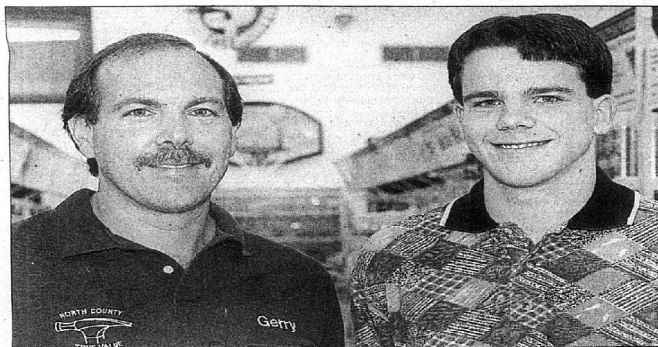
students, enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours and having completed a minimum of six credit hours. Above right, student Dennis Holland, center, of Granite City, recipient of the Granite City Elks Club Soccer Scholarship, is pictured with Larry Petri, left, BAC soccer coach, and Randy Witter, youth athletic director for the Granite City Elks Club. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student on, the BAC soccer team who lives in Granite City.



Student Geoff Ritter of Steeleville, recipient of the William Howard Davis Memorial Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with Lucille Davis of Belleville. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time, second-year pre-engineering student.



Student Carol Horn of Belleville, recipient of the William H. Mentzer Scholarship, is pictured with Mentzer's son, Tom. Mentzer's family established the award in his memory. The award is given to a full- or part-time student who lives in the Belleville area.



Student Curtis Stoll of Red Bud, right, recipient of the North County True Value Home Center Scholarship, is pictured with Gerry Niermann, True Value owner. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student pursuing a business-related career who lives in Red Bud or Randolph County.



Student Michelle Gagnon of Maryville, recipient of the Egyptian Radio Club Scholarship, is pictured with Tod West, club treasurer. The scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time student attending classes on the Granite City Campus.



Student Stephanie Scharf, center, of Smithton, recipient of the Orison and Fern Selbert Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with the Selberts. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who recently graduated from Freeburg High School and is committed to earning a higher degree.



Student Bruce Boxdorfer, center, of Belleville, recipient of the Brenda Smith Memorial Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with Charles and Margaret Smith. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time, second-year physical therapist assistant student. It is one of 100 privately funded scholarships made available to BAC students through the Foundation.

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NEW LISTINGS



BRICK DUPLEX - LG221
on each side, patio door off of kitchen, needs some TLC. LG221



LOVELY 3 bedroom ranch on the lake with private dock. 1 1/2 baths, skylight, alarm system, large 2 car garage, sliding doors to deck. New roof in 1996. All on a large lot. LG188



If you see it, you will like it - not just a drive by. Very well kept home with large lot, 2 car garage, lots of closets, 3 bedrooms. Price in low 30's. LG210



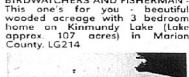
WANT A DANDY? Investors, Attention please! Must check out this multi-family. Has great income potential for you. Don't hesitate. LG251



INCOME PROPERTY - No major repairs - priced to sell. 2 bedroom trailer. Spacious living and family room, dining room and kitchen combo. Stove and washer stay. Off street parking. Must see! LG368



BIRDWATCHERS AND FISHERMAN - This one for you - beautiful wooded acreage with 2 bedroom home on Kimmick Lake (Lake approx. 107 acres) in Marion County. LG214



PRICED BELOW APPRAISAL, 3 bedroom brick on quiet street. Finished basement. Very roomy back yard. Don't miss this exceptional buy! LG272

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS



SPACIOUS 14x15 LIVING ROOM, lg. 15x14 master bedroom, nice wood cabinets in the eat-in kitchen. Priced in low 50's. Call for details. LG244



BUY DON'T RENT - Payment less than rent on this nice 3 bedroom home with basement and fenced rear yard. New roof and new w/w carpeting thru-out. Just move in and start owning your own home. LG504



DARLING 2 BEDROOM home with full basement, w/w carpeting, both has been recently remodeled. Love kitchen cabinets all stove and refrigerator stay. Reasonably priced. LG509



SELLER MOTIVATED TO SELL, Nice 4 room home with full basement. Full bath and large lot. Call us for your preview. LG755



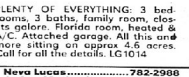
BETTER CALL LANMARK NOW about this 3 bedroom ranch on the edge of town, lots of lovely kitchen cabinets. Nice size room. One Year Home Owner Warranty. LG771



REDUCED! Country living on edge of town. Very nice 3 bedroom, dining room/family room combo with wood burning fireplace. Large fenced yard with covered patio. LG564



PLENTY OF EVERYTHING: 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, family room, closets galore. Florida room, heated & A/C. Attached garage. All this one more sitting on approx. 4.6 acres. Call for all the details. LG1016



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FAMILY SIZE AND COUNTRY STYLE described this lovely 3 bedroom home, bright and spacious 2 bedroom. Huge master bedroom with bath, finished basement, 2 car garage. Call and let us tell you more. LG537



REDUCED!! You'll really feel at home when you see this well-cared for, bright and spacious 2 bedroom. New central air, full basement, finished kitchen. LG138



CHARMING 2 BEDROOM with dining room and remodeled kitchen. New kitchen cabinets all stove and refrigerator stay. Reasonably priced in the 30's. LG501



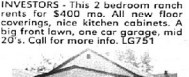
LOVELY 2 BEDROOM bungalow close to army depot and Hwy 3, with a carport, fenced yard, nice vinyl siding. Priced in the 20's. LG515



OVER-SIZED 4 bedroom home. Also dining room and basement. Room for everyone. Unbelievable priced in the 30's. LG551



LOVELY 2 bedroom could be a 3 bedroom - has lg. dining room - nice size kitchen - partial basement with 2 car garage. LG592



INVESTORS! This 2 bedroom ranch rents for \$400 mo. All new floor coverings, nice kitchen cabinets. A big front lawn, one car garage, mid 20's. Call for more info. LG751



TWO FOR ONE SALE - 2 houses on same lot. Front home displays 2 bedrooms, basement, garage - new carpeting, freshly painted. Rear home displays 2 bedrooms, partial basement, garage, new carpeting, alarm system. Great buy - Very nice. LG1001

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



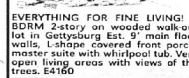
SPACIOUS home huge lot. First floor laundry. Kitchen is land with coo and abundant cabinet space. Ceiling fans throughout. Screened in porch on each level. Workshop with 1/2 bath, 2 storage sheds stay. Newer central air, furnace and water heater. 6 years old, 1st floor bathroom redone in 97 and new plumbing in 97. LG404



DARLING 3 BDR RANCH with above ground pool & 2 car detached garage. All appliances stay. Fenced & pool are all just couple years old. M451



EVERYTHING FOR FINE LIVING! 4 BDRM 2 story on wooded walk-out lot in Gettysburg Est. 9' main floor walls, glass covered front porch, master suite with whirlpool tub. Very open living areas with views of the trees. LG410



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News

Those cute, furry critters are very bad for gardeners

As most gardeners learn sooner or later, one person's flower fantasy is just a free feast to some furry fiend. Animal pest problems occur in all seasons of the garden, but fall and spring are peak periods for plunder. Luckily these seasons, and fall in particular, are also the best times for beleaguered gardeners to mount a defense against foraging four-legged gourmands such as deer, squirrels, rabbits, voles, moles and other assorted animal pests.

In fall, a good garden cleanup tops the list of animal deterrents. After fall bulb planting, remove planting debris to rob squirrels of scent clues. It's scent, after all, that guides them to their hidden stashes and to yours! They're not relying on such memory cues as "three hops from the big tree on the left."

Also consider mulch. Mulch is useful to help retain soil moisture and maintain more constant cool soil temperatures. Apply mulch after weather turns cold. Mulch too soon only satisfies small creatures, who find earth-warmed mulch a great cozy place for winter tunneling and nesting.

Who is exhibiting that nibbling to nasturtiums and devouring the daisies? Increasingly, in America, the culprits are likely to be deer. According to the New York Times "there are now more deer in the U.S. than when the Pilgrims landed in 1620. A population of 27 million ranges across the land. And, increasingly, as the deer's natural habitats are reduced by development, they are by no means restricted to remote woodlands. They've leaped into our back yards in what amounts in some parts of the country to a suburban invasion."

Deer are the greatest threat in the spring when, after a hungry winter, they look for anything green, young and tasty.

Rabbits have long been the vegetable gardener's nemesis, but they're happy to taste-test anything new and tender-looking. Even if they really don't love something, they just might chew on it for awhile to make sure.

Squirrels and chipmunks are particular pests at fall flower bulb planting time. Count them out promptly RSVP to fall garden parties serving tulip, lily or crocus bulbs but not daffodils and hyacinths, which have a terrible taste. Especially popular are gardens littered with bulb-scented debris, those little bags the papery skins, and other tantalizing things.

Special fans of tree and shrub roots are found underground. Moles, voles and mice are the bane (actually, smelly) culprits. They also like roots of succulent plants and flower bulbs.

The groundhog, also called the woodchuck, is a tunnel master who finds any number of garden plants with food both above and below the ground.

To dispel any illusions at the outset: there is no magic bullet for the animal pest problem, save the sometimes tempting but not very humane option of actually using bullets. The best one can hope for is an appropriate pest management solution.

Pest control options basically fall into five major categories:

Barriers
Sensory deterrents
Vegetative deterrents
Animal deterrents
If you can't beat 'em, join 'em

Barriers
Barriers are the most straightforward and many say the most effective deterrents. The strategy is to make it impossible for the critter to get to his dinner.

For deer, a fence is the best deterrent. A deer fence should be at least seven and a half feet high, and an additional overhang of chicken wire is a good idea. The most effective deer fence is a double fence. Deer can either jump something very high, or something very wide, but can't do both at once. Two fences (one high and one moderately high) spaced about three feet apart are recommended. (Don't worry, the deer see two fences and don't jump, so they don't get caught inside.)

Garden centers and other retailers also carry various types of plastic fencing and netting that might be appropriate. It is also possible to have an electric anti-deer fence installed. But this isn't recommended for areas where there are small children or close neighbors.

For groundhogs and such, fences don't need to be high, they need to be deep. About three feet deep should do the trick.

Chicken wire is another favorite barrier material. This can be used to form a cage over young plants, or an underground cage in which to protect bulbs from burrowers. It's perfectly acceptable to place a sheet of chicken wire right on top of the planting. The bulbs will be smart enough to find their way right through it.

Some people take a casual (but very effective) approach when protecting bulbs from squirrels: they just throw away the bulbs and start over after planting and take it up once the ground has settled or frozen.

Sensory deterrents seek to dissuade the unwanted garden diner by offending his sense of smell or taste or by exciting his sense of fear and caution.

The use of cayenne pepper and such sprinkled protectively on the ground is one method some say works. But others point out that this method is exceedingly cruel. Squirrels, for example, can easily get the pepper in their eyes and make themselves the noxious stuff. Squirrels have been known to scratch out their own eyes in the process. After a while, the squirrels are dead. So, other sensory alternatives are in order, ones suitable for squirrels, chipmunks and, of course, deer. These include:

Scattering clippings of human hair around the place (not always a good idea in urban settings, where squirrels may associate the smell of a human with food hand-outs).
Predator smells, such as lion's dung or urine from the zoo, commercially available predator scents, or even human urine (there's a guy out there who swears by it, but we didn't visit his garden to confirm it).
Egg mimosas, which are either the commercially available kind, or made up in your own kitchen. The idea is, well, rotten eggs. You get the idea.

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Here are some easy plants

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If you are looking for easy-to-grow, low-maintenance plants to add to your landscape, consider these plants. They are known for their ornamental value as well as their outstanding performance in the Metro East Area.

Once established, they require little maintenance and are relatively disease and pest free. Look for these star performers at your local garden center or nursery when selecting new plants for your landscape this spring.

Purple wave petunia is a low-growing, spreading annual, which blooms continuously throughout the growing season. It tolerates full sun, requires little water and grows well in annual beds and large containers. Purple wave was named an All-American Selection for its consistently outstanding performance.

Moonbeam coreopsis is a favorite of many perennial gardeners. It is extremely drought-tolerant, requiring little to no watering once established. Coreopsis returns each year with an abundant display of daisy-like yellow flowers atop its feathery foliage. Unlike most perennials, it flowers all summer long.

ASTILBE is an excellent perennial for shaded or partially shaded sites. The unique foam-like flowers are 6 to 9 inches tall. Astilbe brightens shady places in the landscape when it blooms in late May and June. Flowers are available in white, peach, pink, red and deep burgundy.

Looking for a small plant to grow in a pot? Consider sweet woodruff (*Galium odoratum*). Sweet woodruff grows 8 to 10 inches tall and is especially attractive as ground cover or when planted in groups of three to five. Its dainty white flowers emerge in early spring and its interesting leaves persist until frost.

There is nothing like large, majestic shade trees to prolong your enjoyment of the outdoors on hot days. Fortunately, some shade trees grow quicker than others. Bob Dintelmann of Dintelmann's Nursery and Garden Center in Belleville recommends red maple for homeowners who want a sturdy tree that will provide shade in a hurry. There are many different varieties of red maples, that offer vibrant fall colors. "Red Sunset" is one of the most popular.

Ornamental trees such as Japanese maple, serviceberry and flowering crabapple enhance the landscape with their spring flowers and their unique leaves.